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(JAHUN KUMAR CHATTERJEE)
संयुक्त सचिव (सं. वि. वि.)
Joint Secretary (CNV)
विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi



विषय :
SUBJECT: NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE

— JMC (JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION
OF INQUIRY)

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Report of JMCI

- MR. BARDHAN

3178/202/2001
13/11/01

D.No. 7738/NGO/01 — FR. Smo (2)

" Did the MEA receive any official reference in respect of Shri A. Guha's letter, either from PMO or any other quarter. "

Sd/-
JS(CNV)
22/10/2001

Dir(CNV)

" Urgent "

Sd/-
Dir(CNV)
22/10/2001

NGO

Following an examination of the records available in this Section, it is seen that no reference of Sh. A. Guha's letter was received either from PMO or any other source.

However, he may ^{also} check with JK Registry if they had received any such reference.

JS
31/10/2001

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31/10/01

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Dir(CNV)

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31/10/01

US(JK)

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JK Registry

Ref: above.

No such reference was received in this Section as per records.

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US (JK/NGO)

Dir(CNV)

Dir(CNV) may kindly see.

15/11 NGO

13/11/01

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No.25/4/NGO – VII(Part I)
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Reference this Section's note of even number of 31.10.2001 regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

3178/1502/2001

The note from MHA which was sent to the JK Registry as an enclosure to this Section's aforesaid note mentions about the Minutes dated 21.12.98 of Shri Brajesh Mishra, Principal Secy. to the PM wherein he had instructed MEA to ascertain if the name of Subhas Chandra Bose figured in the records of the UN War Crimes Commission.

Since relevant papers on the subject could not be found in this Section, we may request JK Registry to look into their records and confirm whether or not they had received a reference from the PMO and, if so, whether any action was taken *thereon*.

13/11/2001

~~US(NGO)~~

Mishra
13/11/01

~~Dir(CNV)~~

Chaudhary
15/11/2001

✓ ~~US(JK)~~

urgent.

Pl. p. u. pps.

[Signature]
19/11

So (JK)

In this connection, NGO section may pl. see our reply on their earlier note (copy attached).

US (JK)

US (NGO)

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D. 8295/NGO/01 — S.No. 11 — Receipt

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D. 8351/NGO/01 — S.No. 14 — Receipt

D. 8406/NGO/01 — S.No. 15 — Receipt

S.No. 16 — Issue

US(NGO)

DR(CNA)

US(NGO)

Reference notes on pre-page

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JK Registry have confirmed that they did not receive any reference in respect of Shri A. Guha's letter. We have already checked our records and found nothing on the subject. JK Registry also do not have any papers on the Minutes dated 21.12.98 of Shri Brajesh Mishra, Principal Secy. to the PM wherein he had instructed MEA to ascertain if the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose figured in the list of UN War Criminals. We have, however, come to know that some correspondence has been going on between the PMO and our UN Division on this subject. A separate note has been sent to JS(UNE) requesting for the latest position on the matter.

Submitted for information please.

[Signature]
27/11/2001

[Signature]
27/11/2001

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28/11

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28/11/01

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S.no. 17 — Added

S.no. 18 — Issue

S.no. 19 — Added

D. 8021/NGO/01 — S.no. 20 — Receipt

~~US (NGO)~~

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Reference FRs

S.No. 13/c
1. **FR I:** The Justice Mukherjee Commission has asked for replies of the Ministry in the following issues in the form of affidavit which is to be submitted by an officer not lower than the rank of a Joint Secretary.

- i) Records relating to the Shah Nawaz Committee : We have already informed the Commission that no further records pertaining to the Shah Nawaz Committee are available in the Ministry. **An affidavit is now required to be filed explaining this position.**
- ii) Production of documents relating to Netaji from different countries like Russia, USA and U.K.: While the documents received from our Mission in Moscow have been forwarded to the Commission, our Mission in U.K. has informed that the matter has been taken up with the concerned authorities who have promised to revert on the issue. As regards USA, we are yet to receive a response from our Mission in Washington to our letter dated 25.5.2001 and subsequent reminders dated 7.9.2001 and 17.10.2001. We may, therefore, issue another reminder. **Fair letter in this connection is put up for signature please.**
- iii) Exhibit 29-I allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission by the Foreign Ministry in the Government of India which is allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the British Military Intelligence Department: We have already informed the Commission that the said exhibit could not be found in this Ministry. **An affidavit reiterating this position is now required to be filed.**

2. **The Commission has further directed that on the next date of hearing, i.e., the 19th and 20th December, 2001 which will be held in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, the officer swearing the affidavit must be present to answer any questions that may be raised relating to their statements made therein.**

S.No. 12/c
3. **FR II:** This pertains to the Commission's proposed visit to Japan and Taiwan. In response to our letter of 17.10.2001 to the Commission seeking details of their requirements of staff, equipment and space in Japan for conducting the examination of witnesses, the Commission has enumerated all its requirements adding further that the size and composition of the delegation will be intimated after receipt of confirmation from our side regarding the arrangements asked for by it.

4. As regards Japan, we may convey the Commission's requirements to our Mission in Tokyo as per the **fair letter placed below**. However, as regards Taiwan, we may have to await feedback from EA Division regarding the witnesses whom the Commission wishes to examine. We may, in the meanwhile, send an interim reply to the Commission as per the **fair letter placed below**. We have already received a confirmation through the India-Taipei Association that there are no relevant documents available in Taiwan and that the same may be available only in Japan.

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5. Another issue which needs to be considered is that of the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan. Director(EA) in his note of 11.9.2001(p.27/n in Vol.VI refers) had suggested that a visit by the Commission could be considered if and when relevant documents were found in Taiwan and their access allowed by the Taiwanese authorities. As already mentioned above, the ITA have confirmed that there are no relevant documents available in Taiwan. In view of this, it is now submitted for consideration whether modalities of the visit of the Commission to Taiwan should be worked out only after receipt of information from the ITA about the witnesses in Taiwan.

6. **FR III** : This is regarding submission of records containing the proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee and exhibits/documents/records called for by the Committee. We had informed the Justice Mukherjee Commission that the above records are not available in this Ministry. In response, the Commission has asked us to file an affidavit stating details of the searches conducted for locating the said documents. It may be mentioned here that since this subject has already been dealt with in para 1(i) above and, therefore, will be included in the affidavit which is required to be filed thereunder, no separate affidavit needs to be filed on the same issue.

7. **FR IV** : **Filing of original or authenticated copies of documents:** Ministry of Home Affairs, under directions of the Justice Mukherjee Commission, have asked us to identify out of the various documents mentioned in the affidavit filed by one Nandalal Chakrabarti those documents which pertain to this Ministry. Thereafter, the MHA is to be apprised of the position regarding identification of the documents.

8. After going through the list of the documents, only one is found to relate to this Ministry. This document, as per the affidavit filed before the Commission by Shri Nandalal Chakrabarti, is the "secret report of the then Indian Ambassador to Soviet Union, Shri K.P.S.Menon's interview with Stalin which dwelled on Netaji's existence in Soviet Russia in February, 1953". After a thorough search of the records available in this Section, we have found record of the interview which took place on 17th February, 1953 and is placed in our file No. 42/11/NGO. However, there is no mention of Netaji in any form in this document. Nevertheless, as per the directions of the Commission, the document is required to be filed before it. A decision is, therefore, required to be taken in consultation with the East Europe Division regarding the procedural aspects of submitting the document to the Commission.

9. The Commission had in its letter of 20.9.2001 asked for a detailed report on the efforts being made by our Mission in Moscow to locate certain witnesses in Russia. The detailed report has been received from Moscow. We may forward this to the Commission as per the **fair letter placed below. Thereafter, we will file an affidavit in the matter as directed by the Commission.**

31/12/2001

The next hearing of the Commission will be held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on December 19-20, 2001. We need to submit an affidavit to the Commission well before that date. The Affidavit is to be submitted by an officer not lower than the rank of Joint Secy. Out of the three points on which the affidavit is to be submitted, we have material for the affidavit in respect of no. (i) and (iii). Reply on point No. (ii) is to be based on the response from E/I, Washington. We may send a reminder to them. JS(CNV) may be required to be present to answer questions related to the submissions made in the Affidavit. Text of the Affidavit is being prepared.

F/X in
Link file

US(NGO)

Director (CIV) may kindly consider/sign the fair letters placed below and may wish to keep JS(CIV) informed.
Submitted, please.

Whitw
3/12/01

~~Dir (CIV)~~

with particular ref to para 8 ante, the letter is graded TS. If authenticated copy thereof is to be produced before the court, we may seek EE Div's views to downgrade it to 'Secret' (the letter, incidentally, does not contain any ref to Netaji).

acpauhan
3/12/01

~~JS(CIV)~~

Useful for clearance.

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3/12/11

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JP (EE)

S.No. 21 — Issue

S.No. 22 — Issue

S.No. 23 — Issue

S.No. 24 — Issue

D.No. 8623/NGO/01 — S.No. 25 — Receipt

S.No. 26 — Issue

D.No. 8666/NGO/01 — S.No. 27 — Receipt

S. 8741/NGO/01 — S.No. 28 — Receipt

NGO Section

As desired by JS(CNV), this file is submitted please.

It may be mentioned here that an affidavit has to be filed before the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry by 19th December, 2001, by an officer not lower than the rank of Joint Secretary. Further, the officer swearing the affidavit is required to be present at the hearing of the Commission on 19.12.2001 in New Delhi(FRI refers).

A draft affidavit has been prepared covering all the points mentioned in the Commission's letter of 9.11.2001(FRI). As earlier, the affidavit is required to be vetted by the L&T Division before it is notarized.

We are still awaiting the information from USA as indicated in the draft affidavit. Our letters to the Mission in this connection may please be seen at Flags A,B,C and D.

JS
12/12/2001

US(NGO)

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12/12/2001

JS(AMSR)
JS(CNV)

Affidavit may be filed.

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12/12/01

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The final affidavit is placed below fl.

JS
13/12/01

US(NGO)

For kind approval/signature, please.
The affidavit will be notarised thereafter.
Submitted, please.

JS
13/12/01

Dir(CNV)

JS(AMSR & CNV)

Pl. P.C. telephone messages in
the house & my message of 12/12/01
to DCA, Washington D.C., also
to DCA & Attorney General London.

JS
13/12/01

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Reference note on pre page.

As desired by JS(CNV), the letter to DMC, London is placed below for sign. pl.

13/12/2001

Mitra
14/12

US(NGO)

S.No. 31 — Receipt
S.No. 32 — Issue
S.No. 33 — Issue

JS(CNV) → has signed the letter

NGO

Reference FRI, II & III (S.Nos. 29/c, 31/c & 36/c, respectively)

We may send our replies to the Commission as per the fair letters placed below.

18/12/2001

May kindly approve/sign.

Mitra
18/12/01

US(NGO)

Dir(CNV) —

has signed the letters.

S.No. 34 — Added
S.No. 35 — Issue
S.No. 37 — Issue
S.No. 38 — Issue
S.No. 39 — Issue

S.No. 40 — FRI ; S.No. 41 — FRII

Reference file.

As desired by JS(CNV), the file is put up please

18/12/2001

JS(Ams & CNV)

has seen

Mitra
20/12/01
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As desired by JS(CNV), a draft circular note to all Heads of Territorial Divisions regarding records relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is put up for consideration / approval pl.

~~JS~~
20/12/2001

~~US(NGO)~~ ~~Mitra~~
20/12/2001

~~JS(CNV)~~ As advised
20/12/01

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The fair note is put up for signature pl

~~JS~~
21/12/2001

~~US(NGO)~~ ~~Mitra~~
21/12/2001

~~JS(CNV)~~ - Has seen & signed the Note.
Please issue ~~Mitra~~
24/12/01

8th Jan

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D. 9037/NGO/01	_____	S.No. 47	_____	Receipt
		S.No. 48	_____	Added

Director (C.V.) may kindly see the notes placed at flag "X" on file.

As desired, a draft d.o. letter to the Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission is put up for kind consideration, please.

Mitra
3/1/2002

Dir (C.V.)

4/1/01

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S.No. 49 — Issue

D. 136/NAO/02 — S.No. 50 — Receipt

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NGO Section

D.No. 251/NGO/02 — S.No. 51 — FR

This is regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan. The Commission has sought further information in this connection, which we may seek from our Mission in Tokyo as per the fax letter placed below.

for approval/sign. please.

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23/1/2002

US(NGO)

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23/1/02

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24/1/02

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	S.No. 60 —	Issue

NGO Section

Reference FRs

(i) FRI (S.No.40/c): Our Mission in Washington have responded to our queries on the location of Mr.L.Lochner, a journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner, and also of documents lying with the US Government on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. We may convey the information supplied by the Mission to the Commission as per the fair letter placed below.

(ii) FRII (S.No. 45/c): This is regarding unreleased documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lying in the UK. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office who were requested through our Mission in London to release all relevant documents on Netaji which till now have not been made public have now informed that these papers **do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Netaji's disappearance that is already available in the declassified papers at the British Library**. We may, if approved, send a copy of the letter from the F &CO to the Commission as per the fair letter placed below.

(iii) FRIII (S.No.51/c): This is regarding the list of witnesses which the Justice Mukherjee Commission proposes to examine in Taiwan. In response to our letter of 5.12.2001(S.No.26/c) requesting for the full names of witnesses, the Commission has now forwarded a new list of witnesses who were earlier examined by the Justice Khosla Commission. We may, as earlier, forward this list to the EA Division with the request that requisite details of the witnesses may be obtained from Taiwan. A separate note to the EA Division in this regard is placed below for approval/signature please.

(iv) FRIV (S.No. 61/c): This is regarding submission to the Commission of the record of the interview dated 17.2.1953 of the then Indian Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Shri K.P.S.Menon, with Stalin. The Commission now desires that the **record may be sent to them in a sealed cover for the perusal of the Chairman only**. Since this would be in keeping with the considerations of security as laid down in the notes at S.No.48/c, we may, if approved, forward the document to the Commission in a sealed cover. A decision to downgrade the document to 'Secret' has already been taken by JS(EE) vide his note at S.No.48/c. A fair letter to the Commission is placed below for signature please.

(v) In the last hearing of the Commission in Delhi on 19/20th December, 2001, the Commission had directed the Ministry to make another effort to locate certain documents relating to Netaji. This followed the submission by this Ministry of an affidavit to the Commission (S.No.44/c). Consequently, a circular was sent to Heads of Divisions seeking information/records on Netaji available in their Division. The responses from various divisions reveal that there are no further records/documents on Netaji in this Ministry. We may, therefore, submit another affidavit to the Commission as per the draft placed below. It may be mentioned that we are yet to receive details of the proceedings/status report from the Commission in respect of its last session in Delhi held on 19/20th December, 2001.

4/2/02

Submitted for consideration, please.

4/2/02

US(N&O)

Dir(C.NV)

S.No. 62 to 65 - Issued

Reference note at para (v) on p.14 ante.

We may now put up the draft affidavit for the approval of JS(CNV).

JS
5/2/02

For kind consideration/approval please.

Mitra
5/2/02

US(n/ao)

JS(CNV)

We have now received from the Commission(FR) the proceedings of its sitting in Delhi on 19/20th Dec, 2001. On this basis, the draft affidavit has been amended. The revised draft is put up for consideration please.

JS
5/2/02

Mitra
5/2/02

US(n/ao)

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4/2/02

JS(CNV)

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Please fair for JS(CNV)'s signature.

JS

Fair affidavit is placed on the file for signatures pl.

JS
8/2/02

US(n/ao)

May kindly see the fair affidavit for
signature please.

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8/2/02

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D. 872/NGO/02 — S.No. 66 — Receipt
S.No. 67 — Added
D. 690/NGO/02 — S.No. 68 — Receipt

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D. No. 954/NGO/02 — FR — SNO. 69

The PMO has sought this Ministry's comments on the letter of Dr. P.D. Mukherjee regarding the version of Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha on the whereabouts of Netaji Subhas Bose. Among the points raised by Dr. Mukherjee on page 5 of his letter, only (b) and (f) seem to be relevant to this Ministry.

Our comments on these are as under: —

(1) Point (b) regarding posting in Europe of Dr. Sinha.

On searching the records in NGO, we have found that there was a file on Sh. Satyanarayan Sinha which was destroyed in 1996. However, the subject of the file does not give any clear-cut indication about the appointment / posting of Sh. Sinha. In this situation, we are unable to draw any conclusions as to the role of Shri Satyanarayan Sinha. We may, however, check from PA I / PA II Sections if they have any records about the posting of Sh. Sinha in our Mission / Posts in Vienna, Berlin, Bern / Geneva and / or Prague after Independence. A note to US(FSP),

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in this connection, is placed below for approval/signature pl.

- (ii) point (f) regarding files in the USSR, USA & England: ~~At~~ This matter had already been taken up through our Mission in the concerned countries in response to requests received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission earlier. All documents which have become available have already been forwarded to the Commission. We could send a response to the PMO on these lines after we hear from PA I/PA II Section about Sh. S. Sinha.

8/2/02

Ref. (i) on pre-page.

The file on Shri Satyanarayan Sinha had the subject "papers related to Shri Satyanarayan Sinha". It is not clear what the content of the file actually was. We may, therefore, check from Admn. if they have any record on posting(s) of Shri Sinha. A note to VS(FSP) is placed on file for signature.

As regards (ii) above, may kindly approve the course of action suggested.

Submitted, please.

Shitra
8/2/02

US(NGO)

Dir(CNV)

D. 1032/NGO/02	— S.No. 71	— Receipt
1033/NGO/02	— S.No. 72	— Receipt
1034/NGO/02	— S.No. 73	— Receipt

NGO Section

We have received the following FRs on which action is proposed as under:

- (i) FRI (S.No.66/c): Para 16 of the Status Report as on 12.12.2001 requires us to produce authenticated documents in support of this Ministry's reply of 15th October, 2001 (encl. to S.No.31/c) to the Commission. Our reply to the Commission is placed below for approval/signature please.
- (ii) FRII (S.No.70/c): E/I, Tokyo has given an update on the arrangements being made by them and the estimate of costs thereon in connection with the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan to examine witnesses. Our replies both to the Commission and our Mission in Tokyo are placed below for approval/signature please.
- (iii) FRIII (S.No.71/c): This is regarding the submission of the Ministry of Home Affairs in their affidavit to the Commission relating to averments and allegation made in the affidavits and supplementary affidavits of different deponents. Our reply to the Commission is placed below for approval/signature please.
- (iv) FRIV (S.No.73/c): The Commission has sent us a letter the subject matter of which seems to pertain to the PMO. We may, therefore, transfer the papers to the PMO along with the note placed below for signature please.
- (v) FRV (S.No.75/c): This is regarding witnesses in Taiwan. Based on the response received from the ITA, we may write to the Commission as per the fair letter placed below.

[Signature]
21/1/2002

US (NGO)

[Signature]
21/2/2002

Dir (gov)

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21/2/02

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21/2/02

Sh Sen

Sno. 80 to 85 — Issue

Reference S.no. 66/c (FR)

The Justice Mukherjee Commission had allowed two months' time w.e.f. 20th Dec., 2001 — the date of ~~the~~ last proceedings in Delhi — to file a supplementary affidavit detailing the developments that had taken place since the filing of the affidavit dated 14.12.2001. (S.no. 43/c). As the supplementary affidavit, as sworn by JS(CVV) is ready, we may forward it to the Commission as per the fair letter placed below.

For approval / signature pl.

JS
25/2/2002

Dir (CVV) may kindly approve/sign fair letter placed below please.

Mitra
25/2/02

US(N/60)

Dir (CVV)

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Sh. San

D.No. 1575/NGO/02 — S.No. 89 — FR

This is regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan to examine witnesses. In view of the advice given by the Japanese Foreign Office on the issue, ^{vide FR} we may inform the Commission as per the fair letter placed below. For approval/signature please.

[Signature]
11/3/02

US (N/A)
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Dir (CNV) may kindly see for approval/signature please.

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Dir (CNV)

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13/3/02

Sh. San

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D.No. 2025/NGO/02	S.No. 97	Receipt
D.No. 2024/NGO/02	S.No. 98	Receipt
D.No. 2101/NGO/02	S.No. 99	Receipt

NGO Section
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We have received the following FRs on which action is proposed as under:

- (i) FR-I (S.No.91/c): PMO was requested to furnish a copy of the report of American Intelligence Party, regarding "Netaji Subash Bose - bringing in the ashes of". PMO has intimated that the document is not available with them. Our reply to the Commission is placed below for approval/signature please. DPA I
- (ii) FR-II (S.No.95/c): JMCI has asked for further information regarding Netaji's name in the UN list War Criminals. We may seek further clarifications from our Mission in New York. Letters both to the Commission and our Mission in New York are placed below for approval/signature please. DPA II & III
- (iii) FR-III (S.No.97/c): regarding witnesses in Taiwan. The Commission had supplied only the names of probable witnesses in Taiwan. EA Division's help was taken to locate them through ITA. However, with no other details, ITA could not locate any of them. Our reply to the Commission is placed below for approval/signature please. DPA IV
- (iv) FR-IV (S.No.98/c): Letter from the Commission regarding visit to Japan. The letter has apparently crossed our letter of 13/3/02. We may await their reply.
- (v) FR-V (S.No.99/c): The Commission has ^{directed us} requested to file an affidavit regarding documents relating to interview of Shri K.P.S. Menon with Stalin. An affidavit is placed below for approval/signature please. DPA V

MS
28/3/02

For kind consideration/signature, pl.

Mitra
28/3/02

JS(CNV) has seen & signed
the letters/ Affidavit to be issued.

Pl. issue, after keeping S/Cs.

The affidavit has to be notarised.

Mitra
1/4/02

SHMH

US(CNV)
JS(CNV)/JSV

The official report by J.S. (Am) & (CNR) has been attached by the attorney.

A few letter forwardly to J.S. (Am) & (CNR) is placed below for ripening release.

Mr
1/4/02

Whitman
1/4/02

US (Am)

J.S. (Am) / CNR

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US (Am)

of S. No 100 to 105 Issue.

NAO

S. No. 106 — FR

Reference FR

The Commission has referred to para 2 of its letter dt. 27.4.2001 (encl. to S. No. 106) where it has asked for the address of the Friends of Indian Society in the USA.

We may, therefore, request S/J, Washington to provide the information as per the fax placed on the file.

For approval / signature pl.
9/4/2002

Whitman
9/4/02

US (NAO)

Issue

US (NAO)

J.S. (CNR)

S. No 107 — Issue

Pl. issue.

Whitman
9/4/02

Sh. Sin

- (i) D.No. 2246/NGO/02 S.No. 108 FRI
(ii) D.No.2261/NGO/02 S.No. 109 FR II

Reference FRs

FRI : This is regarding a letter dated 30th January, 1971, addressed by the then Dir(EA) in this Ministry to the MHA indicating, inter alia, that the Ministry had approached the Missions in UK, the USA, USSR and Japan for some material for the use of the Khosla Commission of Inquiry. The Justice Mukherjee Commission now desires to know the outcome of the aforesaid letter. It has also asked for authenticated copies of documents, if any, received in response to the aforesaid letter.

We have found some relevant material on the subject in file No. C/551/8/70-JP(Vol.I) which was received from the EA Division. However, the information seems to be incomplete since the other volumes of the file have not been forwarded to us. We may, therefore, request EA Division to send us the remaining volumes of their file for our examination. A note to the EA Division is placed below for approval/signature please.

FR II : This is regarding the proposed examination of witnesses in Japan by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. We may seek the desired information from our Mission in Tokyo and also forward copies of the reports of the Shah Nawaz Committee and Khosla Commission of Inquiry as desired by the Mission (para 2 of S.No.77/c refers). Fair letter in this connection is placed on the file for signature please.

JS
10/4/2002

~~US(NGO)~~

Vide his fax dt. 1.3.02 (S.No. 89/c), the DCM, E/1 Tokyo had informed Dir(CNV) that the Japanese Foreign Office had conveyed that Most of the witnesses proposed to be examined by the Commission, were no more and those who were alive were reluctant to depose before the Commission. The Foreign Office, therefore, advised that an informal interaction of the Commission could be arranged with the surviving witnesses at some convenient venue. This was duly conveyed to the Commission by Dir(CNV). ~~FR I~~ FR II is related to this matter. We may seek the desired information from our Mission in Tokyo, as per d.o. letter placed below. Submitted, please.

JS(CNV)

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D.No. 1671/NGO/02

S.No.92

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Reference FR

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has drawn attention to a letter of MHA dated 12.3.1999 where it was mentioned that the UK Government had furnished information that the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was not included in any list of war criminals drawn up by them. The Commission has asked for the authenticated copy of the information furnished by the UK Government.

2. While it is not clear as to the document on the basis of which the MHA had formulated their reply of 12.3.99, we have found from our file some papers on the concerned subject. These papers which were received from the EW Division are copies of fax messages from HCI, London, which also confirm that the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was not in the list of war criminals as per the information furnished by the UK Government in response to queries by our Mission on the issue. However, we do not have any documents originating from the UK Govt., which have formed the basis of the replies by our Mission in London. It is essentially these documents which are required by the Commission. We may, therefore, request EW Division to send us their concerned files to facilitate the location of the requisite documents. A note in this connection is placed on the file for approval/signature please.

3. Furthermore, the reply of MHA dated 12.3.99 appears to have been prepared on the basis of information supplied by MEA. We may, if approved, seek a clarification from them on this issue as per the fair note placed below.

JS
16/4/2002

JS(CNV) may kindly see and sign the note to JS(EW). We may write to MHA only if we are unable to trace these papers in this Ministry. Submitted, please.

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16/4/02

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Pl. issue.

Sharma
17/4/02

Sh San

S.No. 114 — Issue

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US(NGO)

✓JS(CNV)

D. No. 2658/NGO/02 — SMO. 115 — Receipt.

D. No. 2677/NGO/02 — SMO. 116 — FR

Reference FR

We may send the information received from E/I, Washington to the Justice Mukherjee Commission along with an interim reply regarding the issues dealt with in the Commission's letters at S. Nos. 108, 109 & 113/c.

for Fair letter, approval/signature please

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17/4/2002

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17/4/02

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S. No. 117 — Issue

S.No. 118 — FR

Reference FR

EA Division have confirmed that the file called for is not available either with them or the REM Section. In view of this, we will have to reply to the Justice Mukherjee Commission's letters at S.nos. 108/c and 113/c on the basis of the ^{information in the} only available file on the subject (no. C/551/8/70 - JP(vol.I)). The central theme of both the aforesaid letters revolves around the procurement of documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from different countries like UK, USA, USSR & Japan.

Our reply to the Commission is placed below for appraisal/signature please

JS
19/4/2002

~~US(N&O)~~

For kind consideration, please.

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19/4/02

JS(CNV)

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Mitra
22/4/02

Sh Sen

Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Ref: FR (S.No. 120)

Subject: Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 17041 regarding Files on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

Placed below is the Lok Sabha Question for answer on 30.4.2002 on the above mentioned subject. The factual position in respect of the question is as under:

2. This Ministry was not aware of the existence of files or documents relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. However, after the appointment of the Justice Mukherjee Commission to inquire into the circumstances of the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the Ministry has been asked by the Commission from time to time to procure documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from different countries like Russia, USA, U.K. and Japan. Consequently, our Missions in these countries were approached to locate and send whatever documents they could procure from the concerned governments. Till date, the position regarding procurement of documents from these countries is as follows.

Russia: Our Mission in Moscow had sent us all the documents on Netaji which it could procure from various archives in Russia. These were forwarded to the Commission. However, these documents do not seem to relate to the disappearance of Netaji.

USA : We were informed by our Mission in Washington that all non-classified documents have been made public. However, classified documents could be requisitioned only by giving the exact details of the document. The Commission has already been informed about this.

U.K.: As regards the unclassified documents available on Netaji, these have already been examined by the Commission during its visit to the U.K. in July, 2001. About the presence of classified documents on Netaji, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office have clarified that "these papers do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available in the British Library. They are withheld as a matter of principle, because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released, rather than because of their particular content. In addition, one paper from the files available at the British Library is withheld on the grounds of continuing personal sensitivity."

Japan: No documents have been received from Japan till date though requests for the same have been made by our Mission in Tokyo to the Japanese Foreign Office.

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in linked file

3. It may be reiterated here that we have been extending full co-operation to the Commission in that whatever relevant documents we have been to locate out of those asked for by the Commission have been forwarded to them.

4. In view of the above, a draft reply to the Question alongwith a draft reply to the U.O. Note date 19.4.2002 of the Lok Sabha Secretariat is put up for approval please.

[Signature]
23/4/2002

US(N/O)

The Lok Sabha Secretariat has requested us for facts regarding the question to enable them decide the admissibility of the same. The original reference was to the MHA who have requested this Ministry to accept it. Accordingly a u.o note to the Lok Sabha Secretariat conveying our acceptance and relevant facts has been drafted and is placed below for consideration. The note is required to approved by EAM before it is forwarded to the Lok Sabha Secretariat. Submitted, please.

[Signature]
23/4/02

JS(AMSC/ENV)

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26/4/02

Sh. Sen

S.No. 121 — Issue

D.NO. 2773/NGO/02 — S.NO. 122 — FR

Reference FR.

This is in response to our letter to PM,
New York at S.no. 103/c*. We may now forward
the same to the Justice Mukherjee Commission
as per the fair letter placed in the file.

* F/X

For approval/signatures please.

Su
26/4/2002

May kindly approve/sign the d.o. Copy of
the letter from PM, New York, may also kindly
be attested.

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JS(CND)

S.NO. 122 — Issue

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D.No. 2956/NGO/02 . . . S.No. 124 . . . FR

Pmo is awaiting our comments on ~~Dr.~~ the issues raised in Dr. P.D. Mukherjee's letter to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

In this connection, JS(CVV)'s note of 28.3.02 to JS(AD) and JS(XP) seeking their response to the various points made in Dr. Mukherjee's letter may please be seen at S.no. 104/c*. We are still awaiting a response from JS(AD) & JS(XP). If approved, we may, in the meanwhile, send an ~~interim~~ interim reply to the Pmo as per the fair note placed below.

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29/4/2002

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S.No. 125 — Issue

D. 3065/NGO/02 — S.No. 126 — Added
 D. 3075/NGO/02 — S.No. 127 — Receipt
 D. 3082/NGO/02 — S.No. 128 — Receipt
 D. 3199/NGO/02 — S.No. 129 — Receipt
 S.No. 130 — Issue
 S.No. 131 — Receipt

Reference our note on p. 32 ante.

We have received a response from JS(AD) (S.No. 131/c) in response to JS(AMS)'s note of 28.3.2002* (S.No. 104/c). However, the response from JS(XP) is still awaited.

* F/X

We may, therefore, send a reminder to JS(XP) from Dir(CNV) so that a consolidated response could be sent to the Pmo.

Reminder note from Dir(CNV) placed on the file for approval / signature please.
7/5/2002

For approval, please.

Mitra
 7/5/02

US(NGO)

Dir(CNV)

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7.5.2002

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 7/5/02

Sh. Rakesh
Sh. Sen

NGO Section

We are required to inform the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry that Dir(CNV) will, henceforth, be the nodal officer in this Ministry for all matters relating to the Commission. A draft letter from Foreign Secy. to Justice Mukherjee is put up in this connection.

For approval pl.

~~For~~
7/5/2002

For kind consideration, please.

US(NGO)
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S.No. 134 — Issue

NAO Section

Reference FR (D.No. 3353/NAO/02 — S.No. 135)

MHA have desired our inputs in re to ~~the~~ Sabha Admitted Unstarred Question No. 7257 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

We may reply to MHA as per the U.O. note placed below.

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10/5/2002

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10/5/02

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Dir(CNO) JS
10.5.2002

US(NAO)

S.No. 136 — Issue

Reference FR (S.No. 132)

The EW Division have sent their file no. WI/125/25/98-EW in response to our note at S.No. 114/c. In this connection, our note at p.26/n ante also refers.

The purpose behind getting the file of EW Divn. was to see if it contained any document from the British Govt. confirming that Netaji's name was not included in any list of war criminals drawn up by them. There is no such document in the said file. Since the Justice Mukherjee

Commission has asked for authenticated copies of such documents, we will have to write to HCL, London seeking these documents. A fair letter in this connection is put up for approval/signature please.

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14/5/2002

Dir (CIV) may kindly approve/sign the d.o letter placed on file.

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14.5.2002

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S.no. 137 — Issue

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Dir (CIV)

US (NGO)

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1. Dy. No. 3278/NGO/02

S.No. 138

FR I

2. Dy. No. 3404/NGO/02

S.No.139

FR II

Reference FRs

FR I : The Justice Mukherjee Commission has forwarded the Status Report as on 19.3.2002. So far as our Ministry is concerned, no action is pending in respect of any of the concerned paras of the Status Report. However, in respect of para 11(d) regarding the report of the "American Intelligence Party", we may, on the basis of some recently available information culled from the files of EA Division, inform the Commission as per the d.o. placed on the file.

FR II : On the basis of the telex of March, 1971 from our Mission in Washington which was forwarded with our letter of 19.4.2002 (S.No. 119/c), the Commission has desired to know whether any further information was received from our Mission. However, an examination of the concerned file revealed that no such information was available. We may, therefore, inform the Commission as per the d.o. placed on the file.

Submitted for approval/signatures please.

15/5/2002

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Sh. Sen

S. No. 140 — Issue

S. No. 141 — Issue

Dy. 3534/NGO/02 — S.No. 142 — Added

Dy. 3694/NGO/02 — S.No. 143 — Added

Dy. 3667/NGO/02 — S.No. 144 — Receipt

Dy. 3668/NGO/02 — S.No. 145 — Receipt

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1) S.No. 144 — FRI

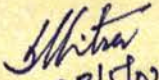
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We may respond to the Justice Mukherjee Commission's letter as per the two fair letters placed on the file.

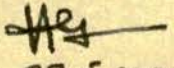
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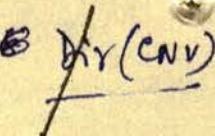

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28.5.2002


Mr(CNV)

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28/5/02

Sh Sen

S.No. 148 — Issue

S.No. 149 — Issue

Dir(c) has desired to see the papers relating to the ITA in connection with the proposed examination of witnesses in Taiwan by the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

The relevant papers are at S.Nos. 147 & 151/c in Vol. VI and S.Nos. 14, 19, 25 & 75 in Vol. VII of F.No. 25/4/NGO. We may submit both the volumes for Dir(c)'s reference.

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28/5/02

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(i) 3919/NGO/02 S.No. 150 FR I
(ii) 4072/NGO/02 S.No. 151 FR II

Reference FRs

FR I: PMO had sought our comments on the letter of Dr. P.D.Mukherjee to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. While we have already replied direct to the Commission and endorsed a copy of the same to PMO, we may give our comments on the points raised in the said letter which do not concern MEA. To be specific, these are subparas 12(e) & (g) of Dr. Mukherjee's letter to which also our comments have been sought. JS(AMS)'s note of 28.3.2002 at S.No.147 may please be seen in this connection. Accordingly, a U.O. note to PMO is put up for approval/ signature.

FR II: In connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, MHA had requested for an authenticated copy of the information furnished by the UK Govt. regarding non-inclusion of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the list of war criminals drawn up by the Govt. of UK after the Second World War (S.No. 92/c refers). HCI, London, have now sent copies of communication from the Ministry of Defence, Govt. of UK, and the Imperial Museum which confirm that Netaji's name was not included by the UK Govt. in its list of war criminals. It is felt that of the two documents sent by HCI, London, the document from MOD, UK, would suffice for MHA. We may send this to them after duly authenticating it as per the fair letter placed below for approval/signature please.

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12.6.2002

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Sh. Rakesh
Sh. Sen

S.No. 152 — Issue

S.No. 153 — Issue

Dy. no. 4245/NAO/02 — S.no. 154 — FR

Reference FR

S/I, Tokyo have now confirmed the names of witnesses who are willing to either depose or informally meet the Justice Mukherjee Commission in Japan. We may inform the Commission about this as per the fair letter placed on the file for ~~the~~ signature please.

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14/6/2002

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S. NO. 155 — Issue

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Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

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Dy.No. 3281/NGO/02

FR (S.No. 156)

This is regarding the proposed examination by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry of witnesses in Taiwan.

2. The Commission had earlier furnished a list of witnesses who had been examined by the Khosla Commission in 1973, with the request that their addresses may be located so as to facilitate their examination. However, in the absence of any particulars about the concerned persons, the ITA, who were approached by the EA Division for the desired information, expressed its helplessness in the matter.

3. The Commission has now provided some details about the persons gathered from their depositions before the Khosla Commission. In view of this, we may again request EA Division to approach the ITA for getting the addresses of these individuals.

JS
15/5/02

US(NGO)

Mitra
15/5/02

Dir (CIV)

HQ
16.5.2002

JS(EA)

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JS
16/5/02

Tracing of witnesses examined by the Khosla Commission inquiring into the disappearance of Netaji in Taiwan in 1973

FR is receipt from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji S. C. Bose. Justice Mukherjee Commission has forwarded us a list of 12 names of persons who had deposed before the Khosla Commission in Taiwan in 1973 (FR). The Commission has asked the Ministry of External Affairs to once again explore its resources to locate the said witnesses and furnish the Commission with their addresses.

2. EA Division had raised with India-Taiwan Association, Taiwan in November of last year and February of this year the need to trace the whereabouts of 12 individuals who were examined by the Justice Khosla Commission. ITA had responded that in the absence of additional details they may not be able to locate any of the listed individuals.

3. In view of the additional information now provided to the Ministry by the Justice Mukherjee Commission, we could forward the same to DG, ITA and request that efforts may once again be made to identify the said persons and to locate their addresses.

For kind approval.

R. V. M.

(Venu Rajamony)
Director (China)
31 May 2002

JS (EA)

Para 3: as proposed

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Fore issued to ITA and O/C is attached.

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3/6/02

Sh. Sen

S.No (157) — Issue

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Fax Message

From : ITA Council
To : India Taipei Association
Taipei (Fax No. 00-8862-27576117)

Shri Ranjit Gupta, Director-General from Venu Rajamony

Subject : Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Sir,

This is with reference to our previous correspondence regarding the matter of tracing the twelve persons who had deposed before the Khosla Commission in Taiwan in 1973.

2. The Justice Mukherjee Commission has now forwarded us additional information with regard to the twelve witnesses. The same is attached herewith.
 3. Grateful if ITA could kindly make efforts once again to identify the persons in the list attached and to locate their addresses etc.
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(Venu Rajamony)
3 June 2002

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No. JMCII/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/58, Kolkata, dated, April 30, 2002

Shri Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Examination of witnesses who were examined
by the Khosla Commission in Taiwan.

Ref: Your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII
dt. March 31, 2002.

Sir,

Kindly refer to your above-quoted d.o. letter. The names of the witnesses in Taiwan were taken from the Appendix- I to the report of the Khosla Commission. The names appear at serial nos. 203 to 214 in the Appendix - I to the said report. Neither the Report nor the Appendix-I does give any details other than the names of the witnesses examined.

The documents and records in possession of the Commission do not disclose the addresses and other relevant particulars of the said witnesses. Till now, the Commission has not received the entire records of the proceedings of the Khosla Commission of Inquiry from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

The Commission has received unsigned and unauthenticated plain typed copies of the depositions of the witnesses recorded by the Khosla Commission. On scrutiny of these depositions, it is found that the addresses and other particulars of the witnesses examined have not been mentioned in these copies of the depositions.

The aforesaid typed copies of the depositions of the witnesses, however, disclose some particulars of some of the witnesses. I am directed to send herewith the particulars of the witnesses available from the said typed copies of the depositions and to request you again to explore your resources to locate the said witnesses and furnish the Commission with their addresses.

On file pl. We need to consult
EA Div.

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7.5.2002
US (NSD)
Sh. Sen
7/5/02

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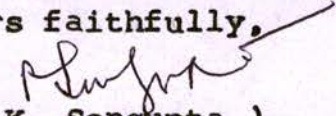
Kolkata, dated,

It appears from the Appendix-1 of the Report of the Khosla Commission that one Mr. Ram Swarup was examined as a witness at Taiwan in 1973. The plain typed copy of his deposition reveals that he stated before the Khosla Commission that he was a Journalist and the owner of the premises no.167, Jorbagh in New Delhi, that he had news agency having business with Taiwan and that he visited Taiwan in 1964 as the Secretary to the first Indian Parliamentary Delegation to Taiwan. I am directed to say that the particulars of Mr. Ram Swarup are likely to be available in the records of your Ministry as he claimed to have visited Taiwan as the Secretary to the first Indian Parliamentary Delegation to Taiwan and to request you to kindly locate Mr. Ram Swarup and furnish his present whereabouts, if he is alive.

An early action will be highly appreciated.

Enclo: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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WITNESSES IN TAIWAN

Particulars as available from the plain typed copies
of the depositions recorded by the Khosla Commission

1. Mr. Lai Min Yee - He was examined at Taipei on 13.7.73 and ^{he}deposed that he was working in the PWD of Taipei City Government at that time. On August 18, 1945 he was in the Transport section of the Japanese army.
2. Mr. Tao Yung - Examined on July 13, 1973 at Taipei. No further particulars are available.
3. Mr. Lin Chun Chan - Examined on 13.7.73 at Taipei. He deposed that he was in the Japanese Intelligence Bureau in Moulmein where he was working in the confidential section.
4. Mr. Lu Kuo Hwa - Examined on 13.7.73 at Taipei. No further particulars are available.
5. Mr. Chang Chuen - He was examined on 13.7.73 and on that day he deposed that he owned a small electrical shop. He retired as an employee of the Taiwan Electric Co.
6. Mr. Lin Chuan - He deposed that in 1945 he was in the General Air Force Hospital No. 8. He claimed to be 46 years old on 13.7.73.
7. Mr. Kao Yun Tsung - He was examined on 14.7.73 and on that day he claimed to be 46 years old. He further stated that he was a mechanic working at Taipei International Airport. In 1945 he was a soldier in Unit no. 12807.
8. Mr. Way Yun Peng - He was examined on 14.7.73 and claimed he was 46 years old. He further deposed that he was working in the Airport Personnel Office for about 16 years.
9. Mr. Ling Chin Yen - He was examined on 16.7.73. On that day he deposed that he was 46 years old and Chairman of L.P.Gas. He was in the Japanese Military Police in 1944-45.
10. Mr. Ram Swarup - On 17.7.73 he deposed before the Khosla Commission that he was a Journalist and landlord of 167, Jorbagh, New Delhi. He further claimed to have his own news agency having input business with Taiwan. He deposed that he acted as Secretary to the First Indian Parliamentary Delegation which visited Taiwan on June 6, 1964.

11. Mr. Y.R.Tseng - He was examined on 17.7.73 and he deposed that he was 43 years old working in the Taipei City Govt. as an Engineer in the Survey and Architect Department.
12. Mr. Pritam Singh - He deposed on 17.7.73 that he was Managing Director and Partner of Harelila (Taiwan) Commercial Service Ltd. and Adviser to Metalware (Taiwan) Ltd.

Signature
21/9/73



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By Regd. Post

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated June 14, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan to examine witnesses.

Out of the list of witnesses supplied by the Commission, only one witness, Mr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi, has conveyed his willingness to depose before the Commission. Nine others have expressed their willingness to informally interact with the Commission **at the Renkoji Temple**. The list of these nine persons is enclosed for reference. Considering the advanced age of the concerned persons, they have indicated their preference to have the meeting with the Commission during noontime or early afternoon because some of them will have to come from considerable distance.

In view of the above, the Commission is now requested to inform us the dates and duration of their proposed visit to Japan and details of the logistics that would be required by them in this connection to enable us finalise the arrangements through our Mission in Tokyo.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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Kindly refer to JS (CNV)'s letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated April 10, 2002 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Only one witness, Mr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi has conveyed his willingness to depose before the Commission. Other witnesses have either passed away or our letters to them have returned undelivered or there was no response. This was conveyed earlier by the DCM.

Nine persons, as per the enclosed list, are willing to informally interact with the Commission at the Renkoji Temple, where they believe the ashes of Netaji are kept. Considering the advanced age, they prefer the meeting to be held during daytime, if possible around noontime or early afternoon because some of them have to come from considerable distance.

Best Regards,

Rajasekhar
(C. Rajasekhar)

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12.6.2002

VS (NRO)

We may urgently send this
to the JMC.

13/6/02

Sh. Sen

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**Embassy of India
Tokyo****List of Persons who may attend informal meeting at the Renkoji Temple**

Sl No.	Name	Age	Remarks
1	Mr. Shigeru Aoyagi	90	Army doctor stationed in Singapore
2	Mr. Takehiko Abe	86	Involved with the establishment of Indian National Army on the military side
3	Mr. Tatsuo Izumi	83	Worked in Hikari Kikan for Indian National Army
4	Mr. Shigemoto Okuda	79	Accompanied Netaji in Singapore and Bangkok
5	Mr. Gaku Kuwabara	83	Military liaison officer between Japanese Imperial Army and Indian National Army
6	Mr. Morito Naganuma	91	Liaison officer for political matters
7	Mr. Masao Hayashi	-	Liaison officer between Japanese Imperial Army and Indian National Army
8	Mr. Chikarou Fujii	86	Information In-Charge of Hikari Kikan
9	Mr. Katsumi Murata	-	Liaison Officer between Japanese Imperial Army and Indian National Army

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**Ministry of External Affairs
CNV Division**

Ministry of Home Affairs may please refer to their U.O. No. I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) dated 27.2.2002 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

As desired, an authenticated copy of the document of the Ministry of Defence, Govt. of UK, is sent herewith.

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)
Director(CNV)

Shri V.P.Bhatia, Under Secretary(D.IV), Ministry of Home Affairs

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7A December 1998

Dear Mr Kapoor,

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With reference to the specific question you posed namely whether Subhash Chandra Bose was included by the United Kingdom in its 'list of war criminals' drawn up after the Second World War, I have been unable to find any evidence that any such action was taken by the United Kingdom.

I should add that the question of how to treat Subhash Chandra Bose and other members of the Indian national army was considered in 1945 by the Government of India in consultation with HMG. The relevant official papers relating to this process are in the public domain. Some of the most pertinent are to be found in Volume VI of the 'Transfer of Power' series. Others are available at the Public Record Office or the India Office Library collections in the British Library.

I hope this is of help. If you have any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely
[Signature]
Army Historical Branch

Attested True Copy

[Signature]
Director (CNV),
विदेश मन्त्रालय, नई दिल्ली
Ministry of External Affairs
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12/12
We have new file on this. See 12/11
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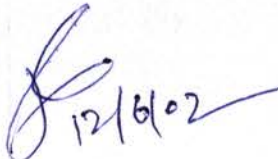
Prime Minister's Office may please refer to this Ministry's endorsement of even number dated 28th May, 2002 regarding Dr.P.D.Mukherjee's letter of 3.11.2001 to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

While this Ministry has already replied to sub-paras 12(b) & (c) of the aforesaid letter, it may please be noted that the subject matter of sub-paras 12(e) & (g) does not pertain to this Ministry. PMO may, therefore, like to inform the Commission suitably.


(Vijay Gokhale)
Director(CNV)

Shri Sunil Jain, Director, Prime Minister's Office
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May 29, 2002

Dear Vijay,

S.No. 137/c

Please refer to your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol-VII dated May 14, 2002 regarding the request by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry for the authenticated copy of the information furnished by the Government of UK regarding the non-existence of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the list of war criminals drawn up by them.

In this connection, I am enclosing copies of the following:

- (i) Letter dated December 7, 1998 from the Army Historical Branch of the Ministry of Defence.
- (ii) Fax dated November 25, 1998 from the Imperial War Museum, London.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Vikas Swarup)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Director(CNV)
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Yours

Army Historical Branch

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this. See 12/12
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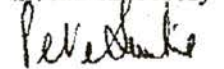
Further to your fax of yesterday's date, I am writing, as requested, to confirm the substance of our subsequent telephone conversation concerning Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

As I indicated to you on the telephone, Nigel Jarvis - one of the Historians at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office - informed me that Netaji Bose's name was never on any "list of war criminals" because he was regarded at the time as a traitor and a political figure, not as a war criminal. Moreover, since he was an Indian subject, his case would have been dealt with under the British/Indian legal system rather than that of international law. Even if he had been on any such "list", his name would have been removed following his death shortly after the Second World War.

Mr Jarvis also told me that this same question has been raised several times before and that, in the past, official answers have normally been supplied either by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office or by the Army Historical Branch of the Ministry of Defence. I therefore suggest that it would be worth your while to contact Mr Jarvis at the FCO on 0171 210 3860 or 3868, and also to speak to John Harding at the Army Historical Branch on 0171 218 4011. I understand from Nigel Jarvis that the Army Historical Branch has a file on this matter.

I hope that these details and suggestions will be of some help to you.

Yours sincerely


Peter Simkins
Senior Historian

at FCO
Spoke with Nigel Jarvis, who confirmed that there was list of war criminals for Indian nationals, (such a list existed only for Japanese & German nationals) and that Netaji's name did not exist on any such list. If he had been caught, he would have been tried under the dominion law.

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No. 915/11/C/2/2002-Pol. (Pt.)

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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New Delhi – 110011
27th May, 2002

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
"B" Block, (Third Floor)
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata – 700087.

Subject : Letter dated 3.11.2001 from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI).

Sir,

Reference is invited to JMCI letter No. JMCI/ Russia/ U.O. Papers/ 2001/ 77/68 dated 3.5.2002 on the subject mentioned above.

2. This is to convey that comments have been sought from the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter. An interim reply received from MEA vide its UO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 29.4.2002 is enclosed for reference.
3. MEA has been requested to expedite its reply. As soon as the reply is received from MEA, it would be communicated to the Commission.

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Pl. Spk.
28.5.2002

Yours faithfully,

(Sunil Jain)
Director

Copy to : Director (CNV), MEA – may please see for appropriate action with reference to para 3 above.

(Sunil Jain)
Director

AS (NSO)
Spoken.
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Sh. Sen



Vijay Gokhale
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated May 28, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Russia/ U.O.Papers/ 2001/77/69 dated May 3, 2002 regarding our response to the letter dated 3.11.2001 from Dr. P.D.Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission(Retd.).

Regarding para12(b) on the last page of the aforesaid letter, we have found from our records that Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha was posted to the then Legation of India in Berne(Switzerland) as an Officer on Special Duty. No other information pertaining to Dr. Sinha is available in the records of this Ministry.

As regards para 12(c), all available photographs in connection with the visits to Delhi of Krustchev and Brezhnev are forwarded herewith for the reference of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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Copy for information to

- 1) Shri Sunil Jain, Director, PMO, New Delhi w.r.t. PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol dated 27.3.2002.
- 2) Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Counsel to the Govt. of India in the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry



Vijay Gokhale
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated May 28, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings
(Follow Up)/48(Vol.II)/64 dated 2.5.2002 regarding averments/
contentions/ allegations contained in the affidavits of different
deponents.

In this connection, the Commission may please refer to our
responses of even number dated 21st February, 2002 and 2nd April, 2002
(forwarding therewith an affidavit) on the concerned subject.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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Copy for information to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Counsel to the Govt. of
India in the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

759/JSAMS/02

Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

I am attaching below self-explanatory papers concerning Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on Netaji's alleged disappearance. JS(AD) may kindly assist us with the query at (b) from the Commission on whether one Satyanarayan Sinha was posted in Europe in the fifties.

JS(XP) may kindly indicate with reference to the query at (c) whether photographs taken during State visits to India by Krustcheiv and Brezenov would be available.

As for the queries in paragraphs (e) and (g), these would be best answered by PMO and no action from MEA is called for.

(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary (AMS)
28.3.2002

Separate copies:

✓ JS(XP) — on file

JS(AD)

File copy for U.S.(NGO).

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Relevant photographs
are placed below.

Album of photos enclosed

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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New Delhi-110 011

Subject: Letter from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) regarding a letter dated 3.11.2001 received from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser (Retd.) Planning Commission.

Reference is invited to this office ID note of even number dated 4.2.2002 and reminder dated 1.3.2002 on the subject mentioned above (copies enclosed).

MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.



[Sunil Jain]
Director

✓ Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV), MEA

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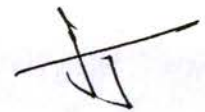
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Reference is invited to this office ID note of even number dated 4.2.2002 regarding Dr. P.D. Mukherjee's letter to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.



[Sunil Jain]
Director

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Foreign Secretary

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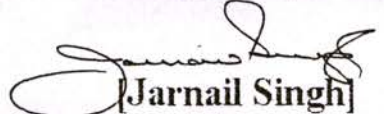
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Enclosed please find a copy of letter No. JMCI Russia U.O.Papers 2001 77 526 dated 22.1.2002 received in this office from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry forwarding a letter dated 3.11.2001 from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.).

2. MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.


[Jarnail Singh]
Joint Secretary to PM

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Foreign Secretary

PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol

dated: 04-02-2002



JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/ Russia/U.O.Papers/2001/77/526 Kolkata, dated. January 22, 2002

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Secretary

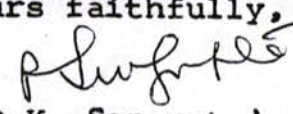
To : The Secretary
Prime Minister's Office,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Letter dated 03.11.2001 received
from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser,
Planning Commission (Retd.).

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the letter dated 03.11.2001 of Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.), who claims to have heard from Dr. Satyanaray Sinha, a witness examined by Khosla Commission, about alleged presence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Russia, for your kind perusal. I am also directed to request you to provide the Commission with your detailed report and/or relevant documents regarding the matters of sub-paras (b), (c), (e) and (g) of the last page of the aforesaid letter.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Ebcl: As stated above.

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Dated : 03.11.2001

Dr. P.D. Mukherji,
Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.),
B-188, Yojana Bhawan, Vihar
New Delhi-110092.
Phone : 2155706, 2149869

Dear Shri Sen Gupta,

I had an opportunity to meet you on 20th September. I narrated what Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha told me about Netaji when he happened to see me in the Ministry of Industry where I was working as Deputy Economic Adviser. It was sometimes between February – March, 1978. He was assertive that he collected evidence to establish that Netaji did not die of plane crash and was kept somewhere in Siberia, USSR. His personal guess was that Netaji's end came sometimes 4-6 months before Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru died which was designed to be kept as a mystery. I did not keep any written records. However, out of my memory, I am putting down what he told me which I feel could be taken as clues and good leads for further probing.

1. When Dr. Sinha met me, he was working with the Clyde Valley, U.S.A. He wanted to import some second hand machinery which was available to him almost free of cost granted as a gift for his generous scientific contribution to science and the organisation. He told me that he inherited very very rich and vast tracts of land in Bihar and the machinery was required for necessary exploration and exploitation of such material exclusively for defence use. Since the import was from U.S.A. and the material related to primarily concerned nuclear field, many doubts arose in my mind at that time about the man's authenticity. I was rather cautious whether I was not being led to some trap. Dr. Sinha perhaps read my mind form a remark that I had just made bluntly that from his explanation of the proposal involving a most crucial subject of nuclear science and that too in a most non-technical language to a lay economist like me, it appeared he was more a scientist or a science professor in some university rather than a business man or an industrialist engaged in churning profits. How was that at his age, he could jump into a manufacturing venture related to atomic energy. The observation made by me was to bring his real-self out.
2. This one observation changed the whole direction of his conversation from capital goods import application to Netaji. He profoundly apologized that he had not established his credential first and highly appreciated my understanding of him as a science teacher. He told me that basically he was a scientist, perhaps physicist as I understood. He placed before me a big volume in German Language, perhaps a German Encyclopaedia on

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Science or Who's who on science – opened a chapter devoted to him with his photo on top right corner of the first page of the article. He asked me whether any one could find a place in such a volume without having profound contribution to science and unless accepted internationally. Nodding affirmatively I observed that then my judgement was correct. He smiled and said that he would like to disclose some of his past enabling me to understand him in real perspective. He said that while working on scientific assignments abroad, he actively took up political works of important leaders like Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and others in those countries as he had worked with them in his youth while studying in India and abroad. Hence he was closely known to them. He said that Tagore was his literary Guru and Netaji was his political ideal from his youth days. He handed over a book to me entitled Operation Himalayas to establish that he kept writing on political and other subjects as well. He said that it was the only copy left with him and lent the book for my study which would be returnable when he visited Uddiyog Bhawan next.

3. He told me that right after independence in early fifties (I do not remember the year mentioned), Pt. Neheru gave him a ring in U.S.A. with the request to come back to India by the first available flight. The requests of these leaders were just orders to him which he had to obey. So he resigned from his job and rushed back to Delhi. He met Nehru who, as in the past, embraced him and extended the best cordiality. Pt. Nehru told him that since he had command over 15 or so languages, including European languages, he should proceed to Viena/Geneva (I do not exactly remember) and with his headquarter there, he should construct files on India in respect of each European country's approach to India, through his meetings with officials and non-officials, collating materials from the files and other papers and discussions with important personalities of those countries Dr. Sinha further told that he readily agreed to the offer but wanted a fortnight's time for stitching some clothes etc. Pt. Nehru did not agree and asked him to leave Delhi within next three days as tickets would be there. He took Sinha to his bed room and took out some Achkans and Churidars from his wardrobe so that he did not delay his departure. This was the level of their relationship. This seemed to him as a prelude to establishment of regular Embassies in European countries.
4. Dr. Sinha said that he worked almost 18 hours a day to build up voluminous material on India in respect of each European Country, scanning through their files, papers, many secret documents and meeting with many officials and non-officials. After about 2 and a half years or so he came across a coded message between USA – Germany – USSR which he deciphered with strenuous efforts, and with the help of some friendly Germans, making it amply clear that Netaji was to be kept at Siberia till further decided. Since he had always a doubt about the plane crash theory

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and since Netaji was everything for him, he rushed back to Delhi to meet Nehru.

5. Dr. Sinha further told that when Nehru saw him in his office he was surprised to express as to how without any prior information he could leave his headquarter. However, he maintained his usual cordiality and took him to his anteroom to know about the precise reasons for the urgency to visit Delhi. Dr. Sinha said that he literally sat at the feet of Nehru and handed over the coded message and almost wept and kept begging that his Netaji was alive and should be saved. Nehru appeared to him as if he knew the fact. But he lost his temper and started bullying him in most undesirable language. Nehru told him that the people of his type were sentimental on Netaji and asked him to quit his office immediately and should never show his face again to him. He was almost kicked out. Dr. Sinha told that he handed over his resignation letter as knowing Nehru's mannerism, he was keeping this ready in his pocket.
6. Against my query, as to why did he not make a hue and cry on this, writing to the President of India and all other leaders and publishing this in all newspapers to make the people aware of the treatment being given to Netaji, their most beloved leader, by The Govt. of India. Dr. Sinha told me that it would have been just silly on his part. Political foresight required that he should keep mum so that Netaji's end was not hastened and that he and others could secretly continue with further probing to know the exact place of Netaji's confinement in USSR.
7. Dr. Sinha said that he returned to USA saddened and depressed and rejoined his assignment at Clyde Valley. He did visit Moscow 3-4 times afterwards but failed to break the iron curtain. He was becoming a persona-non-grata for the Indian Officials there. So he became helpless.
8. Narrating further, Dr. Sinha asked me whether I was aware of USSR President Brezenov's and Nikita Krustcheiv's visit to India in mid fifties. Confirming this I said that I was aware and particularly the ovation they got at Calcutta. Dr. Sinha brought out one Album and asked me whether I could locate him in those photos. I found that in all the photos, Dr. Sinha was standing with officials at the back. Sinha told me that before their visit, the same Nehru, losing all his shame one fine morning, again gave him a ring in U.S.A. and asked whether he would do a personal favour to him and come to Delhi immediately. As in the past, Nehru's request was taken by him simply as an order, although he had no more soft corner left for him in his heart after he had been hurt by him so brutally earlier.
9. Sinha told that he rushed back to India and called on Nehru. Nehru was grim faced and appeared to be repenting on his past outbursts and behaviour. Sinha also told that he was equally quiet and except asking

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about his welfare, he waited for Nehru to break the silence. Pt. Nehru told Sinha that he must be aware of Russian leader's imminent visit to India. Could he work as an interpreter as he was not only highly proficient in Russian language but also had full grasp of the Indian political scenario. Dr. Sinha told me that he was just waiting for such an opportunity which he could utilise for his final probing on Netaji. He readily agreed to the offer and took up the assignment right earnestly.

10. Speaking further, Sinha told that Russian leader's visits were so planned split second by split second that he was not getting an exclusive opportunity to ask Nikita Krustchev who was very outspoken and seemed to be more open, about Netaji's whereabouts. Their visit to Delhi was also coming to an end and so he was getting restless to ask. Meanwhile Nehru had conveyed to Sinha that the Russian leaders were extremely appreciative of his proficiency in Russian Language. Sinha told that it was the last day of the Soviet Leaders stay in Delhi. In the evening, they were visiting Red Fort to accept a Mayoral Civic Reception. He was accompanying them and again showed me the snap taken there. When they were walking inside the Redfort to reach Dewane Khas, he paced up to reach near Krustchev some how to draw his attention. It just happened that at one stage, Krustchev was walking with his guards little faster, about two feet ahead of Brezhnev? Sinha almost reached by the side of Krustchev when he smiled and spoke to him in Russian language congratulating on his job done well. The guards also gave a little space to him watching Krustchev was talking to him in their language. Sinha further told that he mustered courage and almost in whispering voice he asked Krustchev where was Netaji Bose. Krustchev bluntly replied in Russian that ask your Nehru and Netaji would be at the Redfort within 24 hours.
11. Sinha told me that the day Russian leaders left Delhi and without loosing any time, he called on Nehru and narrated what Krustchev had told him about Netaji. Pt. Nehru lost temper and cool and rebuked him in merciless language that what audacity had he to talk to Krustchev and that too ask about Netaji. He shouted at him to leave his place. Sinha further told that he started weeping, uttering loudly that he knew about Netaji that Netaji was alive. Why was he not bringing him back to India? To avoid many people knowing what was transpiring there, Pt. Nehru left the room in huff and hurriedly. While narrating the above, tears rolled out of Sinha's eyes. He was so much depressed that he stood up and took up his briefcase and the cloth bag he was carrying for leaving my office without a single word about his C.G. application.
12. Bidding his goodbye and with similar depression in my heart, I enquired whether Netaji was still alive He replied that perhaps "No" and his guess was that 4-6 months prior to Nehru's death, Netaji's end came. Within 2 months or so of my above meeting with Dr. Sinha, I had to go abroad on a

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foreign assignment. The last copy of his book Operation Himalayas still remains with me.

I wonder whether the above could be of any value to the Commission. However, some leads about further probing as I percieve :

- a) Authenticity and credibility of Dr. Sinha. I am enclosing ✓ the cover pages of ~~the~~ his book on Operation Himalayas which gives the publisher's name. One can contact the publisher, find his address in Bihar and about his whereabouts. I have no knowledge. But at least his family members would be able to help you. Who knows that Dr. Sinha's personal files including that on Netaji including a copy of that coded message, if left with his family members, could be found in those papers.
- b) The Ministry of External Affairs could be contacted to know about his posting in Europe whether genuine or not. If genuine, study of all the files he constructed there during the period he stayed in Europe, will help the Commission.
- c) All photo snaps taken during Krustchev and Brezenov visit to Delhi;
- d) All the German Encyclopaedia on Science or the likes published before the took up the assignment in Europe.
- e) The copy of coded message which he handed over to Pt. Nehru - Nehru must not have destroyed it and must be in some of his personal files kept in National Archives.
- f) Study of USSR - USA - England's secret files about 6-8 months before Nehru's death - USSR must have also informed their allies of Netaji's death as the arrangement was to keep it as a mystery.
- g) Some of the senior officials as well as officials like personal stenographers who worked with Nehru during those crucial years, ofcourse if they are alive, could be of help. Similarly the USSR officials who had posting in Siberia during those crucial years, provided they are alive and there were means to contact them through some agency.

With regards

Shri Prodyot Sen Gupta
~~Member~~ Secretary
Netaji Enquiry Committee
Delhi

Yours sincerely,
Prem Das Mukherji
(Prem Das Mukherji)

Encl. : Cover Pages of the Book
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Kolkata, dated, May 14, 2002

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Officer on Special Duty

To

Shri Jayant Prasad
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Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next sitting of the Commission will be held on 10.06.2002 starting at 11.00 O'clock at the seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007 to ascertain the relevancy, if any, of the articles and documents recovered from the dwelling place of one Gumnami Baba in Faizabad and since brought to the Commission's office in Kolkata with the permission of the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court.

Any action on our part?

22.5.2002

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Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

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No. JMCI/ Meeting-Proceedings(Follow Up) Kolkata, dated, May 2, 2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Shri Kamal Pandey,
Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to this office letters No. JMCI/
Affidavit-Averments (Follow-Up)/2000-2001/67/132 dated 30.5.2001
(copy enclosed) and No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-Up)/48/
(Vol.II)/411 dated 19.11.2001 (copy enclosed) and the reminders
dated 11.1.2002 and 1.3.2002 and to state that counter-affidavits
and other requisites, if any, in respect of the averments/
contentions/allegations contained in the affidavits of different
deponents, as referred to at Sl.2 of the enclosure to your letter
No.1 /12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) dated 17.7.2001 (copy of the relevant
extract is enclosed), have not yet been received by the
Commission either from the Ministry of Home Affairs or from any
of the other Ministries/Departments concerned of the Government
of India.

I am, therefore, directed to request you kindly to take
necessary action so that needful is done without any further
loss of time.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclosures : As stated above.

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Copy with copies of the enclosures referred to above
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- (3) The Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of
India.
- (4) The Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of
India.
- (5) The Director General, National Archives, New Delhi.
- (6) The Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government
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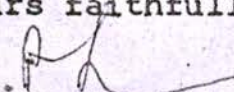
From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to Serial No.2 of the Status Report of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, sent to the Commission with their letter No.I/12014/6/2001-IS (D.III) dated July 17, 2001 and to request you to furnish within four/ six weeks from the date of receipt of this letter the counter affidavits, if any, in respect of the averments/contentions/allegations contained in the affidavits/supplementary affidavits of the deponents concerned, xerox copies of which were sent by the Commission to the Ministry of Home Affairs, in September, 2000/May, 2001 as also to furnish the original or authenticated copies of the documents mentioned in the said affidavit/supplementary affidavits.

Yours faithfully,


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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30th May, 2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
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North Block,
New Delhi- 110001.

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copies of the documents relied upon
by the deponents.

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S i r,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMC I/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/67/263 dated September 20, 2000 wherewith xerox copies of some affidavits/supplementary affidavits of some deponents including the affidavit dated February 17, 2000 and two supplementary affidavits dated July 28, 2000 and August 25, 2000 filed on behalf of Shri Jyotish Chandra Bose and eight others were sent to you to enable the Ministry of Home Affairs and the other concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India to file their respective counter-affidavits, if any, duly sworn in by their competent Officers, not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India responding to the allegations/contentions/averments concerning them in the said affidavits.

I am directed to state that till now no reply or counter-affidavit has been received in this matter from any of the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and that Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, one of the co-deponents of the aforesaid affidavits/supplementary affidavits, has filed a petition dated May 25, 2001 with an enclosure thereto wherein he has mentioned various documents referred to in their aforesaid affidavits/supplementary affidavits and urged upon

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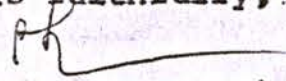
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the Commission to take immediate steps for production of those documents by the appropriate authorities as the said documents, as claimed by the said deponents, have significant bearing on the issues under consideration of the Commission.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to arrange to furnish the original or authenticated copies of the documents mentioned in the said petition and its enclosure filed by Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, xerox copies of which are enclosed.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Status Report-Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Sl. No.	Status shown by Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.	Action taken/required to be taken.
2.	<p><u>Counter-affidavits of the Government of India to respond to the allegations/contentions/averments concerning them as incorporated in some affidavits:</u></p> <p>(i) Xerox copies of the affidavits/supplementary affidavits filed before the Commission by (a) Shri Jyotish Chandra Bose and eight others, (b) Shri Subrata Bose and two others, (c) All India Forward Bloc and another, (d) Shri Nirmal Sinha and three others, (e) Shri Madhusudan Pal, and (f) Shri Bijan Ghosh were sent by the Commission to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in September, 2000 so that the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India, could file within six weeks, their respective counter-affidavits, if any, in respect of the averments/contentions/allegations contained in the aforesaid affidavits. No such counter-affidavits have yet been received.</p> <p>(ii) Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, one of the co-deponents of the affidavit/supplementary affidavits filed on behalf of Shri Jyotish Chandra</p>	<p>These affidavits have been sent to our Standing Counsel on 4.7.2001 for his legal opinion with regard to averments/contentions/allegations contained in the aforesaid affidavits. Based on his advice, we would revert to the Commission shortly.</p> <p>Copies of this affidavit along with the list of documents have been sent to MEA, IB, PMO,</p>

<p>Bose and eight others, has filed a petition dated May 25, 2001 with an enclosure thereto wherein he has mentioned various documents referred to in their aforesaid affidavit/supplementary affidavits and urged upon the Commission to take immediate steps for production of those documents by the appropriate authorities as the said documents are claimed by the said deponents to be having significant bearing on the issues under consideration of the Commission. Accordingly, xerox copies of the said petition dated May 25, 2001 and its enclosure were sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/132 dated May 30, 2001 with the request to arrange to furnish the original or authenticated copies of the documents mentioned therein.</p> <p>(iii) Xerox copy of the affidavit dated March 3, 2000 filed by Shri Usha Ranjan Bhattacharya along with one copy of the book authored by him titled, "Netaji was murdered in Red Fort" has been sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, as also to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India under Commission's letters dated May 30, 2001 with the request that the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India may file their respective counter-affidavits, if any, responding to the allegations made in the said affidavit and the book, within six weeks from the date of receipt of the letter.</p>	<p>National Archives, MoD on 4.7.2001 to examine the contents and file affidavit, if required, directly before the Hon'ble Commission.</p> <p>This affidavit has also been sent to Standing Counsel for legal opinion on 4.7.2001. Based on his advice, we would revert to the Commission shortly.</p>
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No. JMCI/ Russia /U.O.Papers/2001/77/69

Kolkata, dated, May 3, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Letter dated 3.11.2001 received
from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser,
Planning Commission (Retd.)-----

S i r,

In inviting a reference to this office letter
No. JMCI/Russia/U.O.Papers/2001/77/491(2) dated 02.01.2002,
I am directed to state that reply thereto from your end
is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to furnish
the Commission with your detailed report and/or relevant
documents as asked for in the aforesaid letter, as
expeditiously as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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This has reference to the note No. 759/JS(AMS)/02 dated 28th March, 2002 by JS(AMS) regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on Netaji's disappearance.

JS(XP) may kindly send an early response in the matter since we are receiving reminders from the Commission on the issue.

Vijay K. Gokhale
(Vijay K. Gokhale)
Director(CNV)

JS(XP)

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Please put up immediately

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DIR(XP)

Sent to JS(AMS) on 7th May 2002
vide Dy. No. 1175/Dir(XP)/02

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Pl. check with JS(AMS)'s Office.

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(2) Have checked with both JS(AMS)'s and Dir(CNV)'s offices. None of them ^{have} received the said papers from Dir(XP)'s office. We may, therefore, request Dir(XP) to send us a copy of the same.

~~JS~~
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~~Dir(XP)~~

A copy was not retained in XP Div. However, proof of diam. no. of XP Div and proof of challan is enclosed for reference

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~~DIR(CNV)~~ ~~HB~~
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~~JS(AMS)~~

1431/JSAMS/02 JS(AMS)'s office may kindly check this once again, in view of Dir(XP)'s note above.
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(Vijay K. Gokhale)
Director(CNV)

JS(XP)

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We have requested
Dir(XP) for a copy as the
said material has not been received.
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Vijay Gokhale
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated May 15, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is further to our letter of even number dated 31.3.2002 regarding the report of the "American Intelligence Party".

In the course of study of our records, it was observed that our Mission in Washington had in 1971 informed that the so-called Mc Arthur Report did not exist. The Mission's reply was in response to the letter of the then M.P., Shri Chitta Basu. Incidentally, in some other context, a copy of the Mission's message was sent to the Commission as an enclosure to our letter of even number dated 19.4.2002. Another copy of the same alongwith Shri Chitta Basu's letter are enclosed for reference of the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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Copy for information to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Counsel to the Govt. of India in the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

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REFERENCE YOUR TELEX NO. C.551/8/70-JP OF

MARCH 21, 1971, REGARDING MATERIAL ON DISAPPEARANCE OF
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HERE. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THERE WAS NO REPORT
SUCH AS THE ONE MENTIONED IN PARA 6 OF M.P.'S LETTER.
WE ARE CONTINUING FURTHER ENQUIRIES.

(by Mr. Arthur)

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Chitta Basu,
Member of Parliament
(Rajya Sabha)

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Dear Prime Minister,

We expressed our satisfaction when the Government announced the constitution of the one-man Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. The constitution of the Commission has vindicated the stand taken by the Forward Bloc that the findings of the Shah Nawaz Inquiry Committee were not in disputable and further probe into the mystery of the disappearance of Netaji was necessary.

3. The works of the Commission are in progress. I think you are aware that certain important and revealing informations which concern a number of foreign countries have come out in course of the deposition of witnesses, already heard. Many might be forthcoming with the progress of the Commission's works.

4. These apart, our Party is convinced that the Governments of United Kingdom, the United States of America, USSR Japan and Taiwan have in their possession important documentations which are vitally required to find the clue of the mystery and to ascertain the whole truth about the disappearance of Netaji. The Commission, as is constituted, it is believed, cannot secure those documentations at their disposal.

5. It is also an incontrovertible fact that the Government of India have intelligence reports about Netaji and his activities during the period of 1941-45. We feel that those reports are also to be made available to the Commission.

6. It is also believed that Genl. Mac Arthur prepared a report about the whole episode of I.N.A. and their activities which contains important clues. Lord Mountbatten played an important rôle in the War in that region, during the period who it is believed, submitted comprehensive reports about Netaji to the then Government of India and U.K. The Commission cannot also secure this.

It would not be possible for the Commission to bring to light all the matters relating to the disappearance of Netaji, if those materials, amongst others, are not made available to it despite its honest and sincere intention to ascertain the whole truth about it.

In view of these, our Party requests you to approach the United Nations to constitute an International Inquiry Commission to go into the whole matter and ascertain the whole truth about it.

I hope you would give careful consideration to this.

With best regards,

Shrimati Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister, New Delhi.

Sd/- Chitta Basu



Vijay Gokhale
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated May 15, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This has reference to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/70 dated 6.5.2002.


It is confirmed that no information other than what was conveyed in our letter of even number dated 19.4.2002(alongwith the enclosures) is available on the subject in the records of this Ministry.

Yours sincerely,


(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

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Copy for information to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Counsel to the Govt. of India in the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
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No. JMC/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II) Kolkata, dated, 6th May' 2002.
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.),
Secretary

To : Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi-110 001.

S i r,

SND 119/c

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 19.04.2002 and invite your notice to the sentence, "We are continuing further inquiries." in the xerox copy of the telegram from Indian Embassy in Washington which is one of the enclosures to your above-quoted d.o. letter dated 19.04.2002.

I am directed to request you to kindly inform the Commission as to whether there has been any further inquiry, as mentioned in the aforesaid telegram, about the material on Netaji's disappearance and whether the Ministry of External Affairs pursued further the matter. If so, the Commission may be informed of the results of your pursuing the matter for further inquiry.

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Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
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No. JMCI/ Neeting-Proceeding (Follow Up) /48/47
Kolkata, dated, April 29, 2002

From : Shri Manabendra Roy
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block
New Delhi - 110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith xerox copies
of the proceedings dated 21.3.2002 and 22.3.2002
together with a xerox copy of the Status Report
as on 19.3.2002 (forenoon) for necessary action at
your end.

Yours faithfully,

Enclo : As stated above. (M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Please study
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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 21st March 2002 (Fourteenth-DI)
Held at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chitta Ranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007

21.03.2002

Of the six witnesses summoned to-day Shri Subrata Bose, Smt. Chitra Ghosh, Shri Supriyo Bose, Smt. Bithi Chatterjee and Shri Satyabrata Tapadar are present. Prayer for time by another witness summoned, Dr. Susanta Kr. Mitra, was allowed vide order dated 08.03.2002.

Smt. Bithi Chatterjee, Shri Subrata Bose, Smt. Chitra Ghosh and Shri Satyabrata Tapadar have been examined as CW.71, CW.72, CW.73 and CW.74 respectively. Shri Subrata Bose in his examination has testified that the statements made in the affidavit filed by him jointly with Smt. Chitra Ghosh and Shri Supriyo Bose before the Commission are correct. The affidavit is marked Exhibit 94. The signatures of Shri Subrata Bose (CW.72) and Smt. Chitra Ghosh (CW.73) on the affidavit have been marked Exhibits 94/1 and 94/2 respectively. A letter dated 01.12.95 written by Smt. Chitra Ghosh (CW.73) to the then Prime Minister has been marked Exhibit 95 (Xerox copy retained).

Shri Supriyo Bose who filed the affidavit along with Shri Subrata Bose (CW.72) and Smt. Chitra Ghosh (CW.73) has not been examined as his evidence would be repetitive

Shri Satya Brata Tapadar (CW.74) has asserted that his statement made in his affidavit filed on 28th January, 2000 and Supplementary affidavits filed on 11th April, 2000, 19th January, 2001 and 18th January, 2002 are correct. The said affidavit and the supplementary affidavits have been marked Exhibits 96, 97, 98 and 99 respectively. His signatures on the affidavit and on the respective supplementary affidavits have been marked Exhibits 96/1, 97/1, 98/1 and 99/1. The booklet titled as "What happened to Netaji after 18th August, 1945" authored and published by him is marked Exhibit 100.

Status report as on 19.03.2002 (forenoon) prepared by the Commission has been circulated to all the parties present. Proceeding is adjourned till 11 AM to-morrow for hearing on Status Report.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman

Proceedings dated 22nd March 2002 (Fourteenth-D2)
Held at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
166, Chitta Ranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007

22.03.2002

At the outset, Commission wanted to know from Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Ld. Senior Counsel of the Govt. of India, about the result of inquiry for finding out further relevant records, as two months' time prayed for by Smt. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India on December 22nd, 2001 and allowed by the Commission, had already elapsed. Shri Pal informed the Commission that two Committees, one for searching the documents within the Ministry and the other for the other departments and the Ministries, had been formed, but the reports of the Committees had not yet reached the Ministry of Home Affairs. So there was the delay in intimating the Commission about the result of further inquiry. Commission expressed its displeasure for dealing with the matter in lackadaisical manner. Commission would pass necessary order, if need be, at the appropriate time.

The deponent Shri Nanda Lal Chakraborty, referring to page 1, paragraph 3, page 3, paragraphs 7(a)(i), 7(a)(ii), 7(a)(iv) of the Status Report, wanted to know about the compliance by the respective Ministry, Govt. of India and requested the Commission to take up the follow-up action where order of the Commission had not been complied with by the respective Ministries.

As regards paragraph 7(a)(i) of the Status Report, the Ministry of External Affairs filed an affidavit in compliance with the order of the Commission on their prayer at the last sitting in Delhi. They stated that they had no further documents. As regards paragraph 7(a)(ii) of the Status Report, in the paper received by the Commission nothing relevant to the terms of reference of the Commission was found.

Follow-up action, wherever necessary, would be taken up.

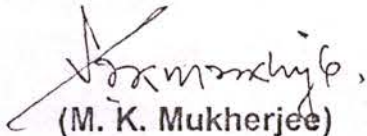
The deponent, Shri Nanda Lal Chakraborty and Shri Subrata Bose suggested that Commission should also visit Vietnam and Taiwan while visiting Japan, as Mrs. Prova Jagannathan did not appear before the Commission though she was summoned more than once.

Shri Subrata Bose further suggested that notice regarding foreign visit by the Commission should be sent to the deponents sufficient ahead so that deponents could arrange for Visas, Passports, etc. to take part in the hearing of the Commission in Japan and other places abroad.

The suggestion would be considered at the appropriate time.

The deponent, Dr. Sushanta Kumar Mitra, pointed out a mistake in the last line but one of paragraph 13(b) at page 9 of the Status Report wherein "October 28, 1978" had been typed instead of "August 28, 1978."

The mistake was rectified accordingly.


(M. K. Mukherjee)

Chairman

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Status Report as on 19.03.2002 (forenoon) showing action taken on/compliance with orders/directions including those contained in the proceedings dated December 20, 2001 read with the proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, 22.12.2000, 17.01.2001, 04.04.2001, 13.06.2001, and 17.10.2001 of the Commission.

1. Copies of the Status Report as on 12.12.2001 and copies of the proceedings dated 19.12.2001 and 20.12.2001 have been sent to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, and the Director General, National Archives of India under Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48(Vol.III)/514(7) dated 16.01.2002 sent to them by Registered Post with A/D for their kind information and favour of taking necessary action.
2. As early as on September 5, 2001 the Director General of National Archives, Government of India, was requested by Commission by its d.o. No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/286 of that date to inform the Commission whether they have obtained the Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches of the files/documents which were earmarked by the team of the Commission after their study of the relevant files/documents in the British Library and the Public Records Office and also authenticated xerox copies of the entire File No. K 148/A of Mountbatten papers in the Hartley Library of the Southampton University, all of which they (National Archives) undertook to furnish to the Commission. Even though six months have since elapsed those documents are yet to be received by the Commission.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/305 dated September 18, 2001 to let the Commission know immediately what action was taken on the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. DY. 2198 by Shri K.R. Malkani, M.P. due for answer on 06.03.1996 as mentioned at notesheet page 1 of Prime Minister's Office File No. 915/II/C/6/96-Pol. as also on the letter dated November 20, 1996 of Shri Ramkrishna Hogdo

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addressed to the then President of India, indicating the results of the said actions. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was also requested in the said letter of the Commission to send to the Commission within six weeks an authenticated xerox copy of the information furnished by the Government of U.K. as stated in the letter dated 12.03.1999 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, appearing at cor.page 196 of the said file of the Prime Minister's Office. Copies of the aforesaid notesheet page and cor.page were enclosed with the Commission's said letter dated September 18, 2001. The information and documents called for are still awaited.

4. Further affidavit, as called for from the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Record/-N.Delhi/99-2000/37/57 dated May 3, 2001 regarding existence/non-existence/availability/non-availability/destruction, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of I.N.A. personnel, is still to be submitted by the said Ministry before the Commission.
5. A xerox copy of the report captioned, "Sleeping Bomb lies in Netaji Vault" authored by Shri Chandan Nandy was sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/-37/108 dated 28.05.2001 in terms of the letter No.10/SPS-11/-2001(20)-306 dated 17.05.2001 of the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, was requested to furnish a detailed report on the contents of the said article of Shri Chandan Nandy which was published in the "Telegraph", Calcutta on March 26, 2001. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.
6. In Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/-57(Vol.II/349 dated October 8, 2001 certain anomalies noticed in the photo copy of File No.915/II/C/6/96-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office were pointed out to the Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office with the request to furnish necessary explanation/clarification in respect of the said anomalies within eight weeks from the date of receipt of the

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letter. The said letter appears to have been received in the Prime Minister's Office on December 12, 2001. Their reply is still awaited.

7.(a)(i) Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, prayed for two months' time at the time of his examination as a witness before the Commission on December 20, 2001, for filing a supplementary affidavit detailing the developments that have taken place since he filed his affidavit dated 14.12.2001 regarding availability of documents from foreign countries. The Hon'ble Chairman considered and allowed the prayer with the direction that he should also state in his supplementary affidavit whether there is any classified documents relating to the terms of reference of the Commission.

Action taken at (a)(i)



(a)(ii) The Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated February 21, 2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission has stated inter alia : "following the scrutiny of records" being relied upon by different deponents "It was found that only one document - a record of the interview of the then Ambassador to U.S.S.R., Shri K.P.S. Menon, with Stalin - pertained to this Ministry."

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(a)(iii) The said record of the interview of Shri K.P.S. Menon with Stalin received by the Commission on February 7, 2002 from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in a sealed cover was opened and read by the Hon'ble Chairman, resealed in his presence and sent back to the Ministry of External Affairs on February 11, 2002 as the Hon'ble Chairman found the said record of interview to be having no relevance whatsoever to any of the terms of reference of this Commission.

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(a)(iv) A supplementary affidavit sworn by Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been received on March 4, 2002 by the Commission. In this affidavit the said Joint Secretary has stated, inter alia, that there is no other documents in the Ministry, whether classified or unclassified, relating to the terms of

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reference of this Commission; that the Indian Mission in Washington has informed the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India that all documents once declassified by the U.S. Government are no longer retained by them and are normally stored in the National Archives, Library of Congress or other similar documentation centres; that the classified documents of the U.S. Government can be requisitioned under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, only by giving specific details of the documents; and that the said Indian Mission has further conveyed that this is a tardy and complicated process.

- 7.(b) At the time of her examination before the Commission as a witness on December 20, 2001, Smt. Sangita Gairola, Jt. Secy., MHA, stated inter alia that a small Committee headed by the Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs has been formed by the Ministry to find out further relevant records and stated that they would require another two months to continue the inquiry to find out other relevant documents. Even though the said period of two months has expired, the result of the said inquiry by the Ministry of Home Affairs is still awaited.
8. On a petition filed on behalf of the Commission the Hon'ble Allahabad High Court (Lucknow Bench) has passed an order on February 6, 2002 and permitted the Commission to bring to its head office in Calcutta the sealed box containing the documents and articles selected by the Commission and kept in a Steel Box, out of the articles and documents allegedly belonging to 'Gumnam Babu' and kept in the Steel Boxes in the District Treasury of Faizabad. Steps could not be taken to bring the said box containing the said selected articles and documents from the District Treasury of Faizabad to the Commission's head office in Calcutta with proper and adequate Police escort before completion of the elections to the Legislative Assembly of the U.P. which commenced on February 14, 2002. After completion of the said elections, some steps were taken for the aforesaid purpose; but the efforts in this regard had to be suspended because of the reported law and order situation in Faizabad. The efforts will be renewed as soon as the situation there becomes normal.

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9. The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/536 dated 29.01.2002 to kindly send to the Commission immediately authenticated xerox copies of the rules and procedures prescribed for destruction of files/documents since it appears from the purported xerox copies of file No.23(156)/51-PM of the Prime Minister's Office as also from their communication dated September 21, 2001 that a number of papers/files of the said office were destroyed.
10. It has been stated inter alia in the affidavit dated December 19, 2001 of Smt. Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS-I), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India :

"The averments and allegations made therein (i.e. in the affidavits and supplementary affidavits concerned) are matters of records and subject to the consideration by the Hon'ble Commission. Some of the records available with this Ministry have been made over to the Hon'ble Commission and some others have been discovered with this affidavit (i.e. her affidavit dated December 19, 2001) for consideration by the Hon'ble Commission; and that she has further stated therein that "the Ministry of Home Affairs has also taken up the matter with Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Intelligence Bureau, National Archives of India, and Prime Minister's Office, to go through the documents and if necessary submit an affidavit to the Commission directly."

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Hence, the Secretaries of the Ministry of External Affairs, the Prime Minister's Office, and the Ministry of Defence as also the Director of Intelligence Bureau, and the Director General of National Archives of India have been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/537 dated 29.01.2002 to send their respective affidavits immediately regarding the averments and allegations made in the relevant affidavits and supplementary affidavits of different deponents, the copies of which were furnished by the Commission with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

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11.(a) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's confidential letter No.JMCI/Records/2000-01/37(II)/533 dated January 28, 2002 to let the Commission know what was the outcome of the action, if any, taken on U.O. No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. dated September 21, 1990 of the Prime Minister's Office addressed to Shri Naresh Chandra, the then Home Secretary, Government of India, wherewith a copy of the letter dated September 13, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India and of the enclosure thereto which is a xerox copy of the news titled, "Fresh Clue on Netaji's Death" published in the "Times of India" (New Delhi) dated September 3, 1990 were sent to the Home Secretary, Government of India, for appropriate action. It was also stated in the said letter dated 28.01.2002 of the Commission that the said letter dated September 13, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose with its enclosure and the said note dated September 21, 1990 are available in File No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office, on the subject, "Netaji Subhas Bose - Bringing in the ashes of".

(b) The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's confidential letter No.JMCI/Records/2000-01/37(II)/532 dated January 28, 2002 to let the Commission know as quickly as possible what was the outcome of the action, if any, taken on U.O. No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. dated May 23, 1990 of the Prime Minister's Office endorsed to the Joint Secretary (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, wherewith copies of the letter dated May 11, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose, the reply dated May 19, 1990 thereto given by Shri R. Sen, Joint Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office as also of the letter dated May 4, 1990 addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India jointly authored by Shri Ashok Nath Bose, Shri Amiya Nath Bose and Shri Subrata Bose, all nephews of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, were sent to bring those to the attention of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. It was stated

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in the said letter of the Commission that xerox copies of the aforesaid letters and the note are available in the File No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office.

- (c) The Director, Press Information Bureau, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's confidential letter No.JMCI/Records/2000-01/37(II)/531 dated January 28, 2001 to find out and furnish this Commission with an authenticated true copy of the Press statement, if any, of Mahatma Gandhi which is alleged in the letter dated May 4, 1990 addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India, authored jointly by Shri Ashok Nath Bose, Shri Amiya Nath Bose, and Shri Subrata Bose, all nephews of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, to have been made in 1945 by Mahatma Gandhi to the effect that Netaji did not die in any air-crash on August 18, 1945, after he spoke in detail to Col. Habibur Rahman regarding alleged death of Netaji in an air-crash on August 18, 1945.

- (d) A xerox copy of a letter dated May 4, 1990 of Sarbashree Ashok Nath Bose, Amiya Nath Bose, and Subrata Bose addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India, which appears at cor.pages 3 to 5 of file No. 800/6/C/1/90-Pol., of the Prime Minister's Office on the subject, "Netaji Subhas Bose - Bringing in the ashes of" has been sent to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's confidential letter No.JMCI/Records/2000-01/37(II)/529 dated January 28, 2002 with the request to kindly procure and furnish this Commission as quickly as possible with an authenticated true copy of the report of the American Intelligence Party, as referred to in the said letter dated May 4, 1990, which allegedly went to Taihoku airport from Mc. Arthur's headquarters to make inquiries about the alleged air-crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945.

12. During the visit of the Commission to London in July, 2001 some of the files of the Intelligence and Security Agencies of the Government of the U.K. relating to the relevant period were not allowed to be perused by the Commission on

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the ground that those were classified confidential files under the order of the Lord Chancellor. The matter was taken up by the Hon'ble Chairman at personal level with the Lord Archer who assured the Commission that he would take up the matter with the Lord Chancellor. The letter dated December 1, 2001 of the Lord Chancellor addressed to the Lord Archer shows inter alia that those confidential files would not be made available to the Commission and that those files contain no information which is not already made available to the Commission. Lord Archer has been requested by the Hon'ble Chairman in his d.o. No. JMCI/Chairman's Correspondence/2000-01/71/541 dated January 31, 2002 to kindly impress upon the Lord Chancellor to give the Commission an access to those retained papers which may, hopefully, furnish some materials regarding the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and thereby remove all sorts of speculations and doubts in this regard. The request has not yet been heeded to.

- 13.(a) Shri Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/543 dated February 1, 2002 to clarify immediately to the satisfaction of the Commission his statement made in his affidavit dated December 18, 2001 filed before the Commission on December 20, 2001 that the Prime Minister's Office : "is not in a position to provide any clarifications/explanation regarding the circumstances under which Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister, had made such statement on the floor of the Parliament" viz., "some further contemporary official documentary records have also become available", in view of the notes and remarks at cor. pages 26 and 27 of the Secret File No. 2/64/78-PM on the subject, "N.S.C. Bose" received by the Commission from the Prime Minister's Office which appear to show that there were official documents, notes and orders which led the then Prime Minister, Shri Morarji Desai, to make the said statement on August 28, 1978, on the floor of the Parliament (Lok Sabha).

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(5) The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office was requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/-37(II)/535 dated January 29, 2002 to send to the Commission immediately authenticated xerox copies of the Parliamentary proceedings (Lok Sabha) dated August 28, 1978 as also of the notes of the Prime Minister's Office on the subject matter discussed in the Lok Sabha on August 28, 1978 including the matter of disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on which Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister, made his statement on the floor of the Lok Sabha on August 28, 1978.

The Director (LARRTIS) Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi, as requested by the Prime Minister's Office in PMO ID. No. Pt.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated 25.02.2002 has been requested to send immediately authenticated xerox copies of the Parliamentary proceedings (Lok Sabha) dated ^{August} ~~September~~ 28, 1978 and of other papers, if any, connected therewith.

14. The Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, have been furnished with a copy of the d.o. letter dated February 3, 1978 of Shri R.C. Mazumder (renowned historian) addressed to Shri Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India and of the notes of Shri Mazumder annexed thereto appearing at cor.pages 16 to 20 of the Secret File No.2/64/78-PM of the Prime Minister's Office and were requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/542 dated February 1, 2002 to kindly furnish the Commission as quickly as possible with documents or authenticated xerox copies thereof relevant to the various contentions of the said letter of Shri Mazumder which appear to be relevant to the terms of reference of the Commission. The documents/authenticated copies called for from them are awaited.
15. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/-N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/534 dated January 29, 2002 to make available for perusal of the authorised representative(s) of the Commission, Vol. Nos. XVIII, XIX, and XXII and other Volumes (excepting first 17 Volumes) along with other relevant

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files/documents/records pertaining to the Khosla Commission which have not yet been sent to this Commission. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs in the matter is awaited.

16. In reply to d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated December 18, 2001 of the Director, (C.N.V.), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the Secretary of the Commission by his d.o. No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/499 dated January 9, 2002 has intimated the Director, (C.N.V.) that the Commission proposes to visit Japan in the second half of March, 2002 and that the tour programme in details will be drawn up and communicated to the Ministry of External Affairs after receiving the requisite details sought for by the Commission from them.

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In reply to two d.o. letters both bearing No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated February 21, 2002 regarding proposed visit of the Commission to Japan to examine - (a) the Witnesses in Japan, and (b) the Witnesses in Taiwan respectively of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs has been stated inter alia by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/600 and No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/601 both dated March 14, 2001 that the Commission does not possess any further details of the witnesses in Taiwan and has been requested to explore all resources at the disposal of the Ministry of External Affairs to get the addresses and further details of the witnesses in Taiwan and to expedite the matter so that the Commission can visit Japan and Taiwan for examination of ^{the} witnesses available there and inspect the places relevant to the points of inquiry as quickly as possible.

- 17.(a) The Commission by its letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/559 dated February 18, 2001 has requested the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to kindly send a report to this Commission as quickly as possible on the following points :

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Liaison
(a) What are the records of the U.N.O. examined and whether those are exhaustive on the subject of War Criminals of the Second World War ?

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(b) Who are the present custodians of those records examined; and

(c) Whether the name of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose was ever included in any of the lists of War Criminals and, if so, when and under what circumstances the said name was deleted from such list/lists.

action taken

(b) The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/375 dated October 22, 2001 to send as early as possible, preferably by the end of November, 2001, an authenticated true copy of the reply of the U.N. Secretariat to the purported formal request of the permanent Mission of India, Newyork, made to the U.N. Secretariat and an authenticated true copy of the documents based on which Indian Mission in Tokyo sent their confirmation as stated in the letter No. U II/103/1/98 dated October 15, 2001 of the Director, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

no action

The Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with his d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated February 21, 2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission which has been received on 01.03.2002 has claimed to have sent a copy of the note recorded by an Officer of the rank of First Secretary of the Indian Mission in Newyork as also "authenticated true copies of documents based on which our Mission (i.e. Indian Mission) in Tokyo had sent the confirmation ^{that} Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's name did not figure in any list of War Criminals." Those documents are being examined by the Commission.

no action

18. As early as August 23, 2001, the Commission by its letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48(Vol.II)/274 dated August 23, 2001 requested the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to let the Commission know, within six weeks from the date of receipt thereof which of the files/records/documents mentioned in para (a)(i) and (a)(iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2000 of the Commission pertain to the Prime Minister's Office, which of

them pertain to the Ministry of Defence and which of them pertain to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter. No reply has yet been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

19. By Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 sent by Registered Post with A/D. to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated that it is not clear from their letter No. I/12014/10/2001-IS(D.III) dated July 4, 2001 whether or not the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is at all concerned in the matter of furnishing the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents referred to in Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/-67/132 dated May 30, 2001 and they were requested to file a supporting affidavit in the matter by an Officer, not below the rank of Joint Secretary of the Department within four weeks from the date of receipt of this letter. A reminder was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/320 dated September 20, 2001 wherein they were also requested to indicate the name of the authority concerned of the Government of India against each of the documents mentioned and relied upon by the said deponents since those particulars are essentially required by the Commission to pursue effectively with the authorities concerned of the Government of India as advised by the Ministry of Home Affairs in the aforesaid letter dated July 4, 2001 for production before the Commission their respective documents concerned. The said report and the affidavit are yet to be received by the Commission from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- 20.(a) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has been requested to report to the Commission the action taken by the Government of India for verification of the news of imprisonment of Netaji in Russia as mentioned in cor. page 112 of Secret File No. 2(64)/56-68-PM of the Prime Minister's Office, the details of verification actually made and outcome thereof.

(b) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has also been requested to send an authenticated true copy of the news which claimed that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had spoken from Moscow radio after the Taskent Agreement as mentioned at cor. page 153 of the Secret File No.2(64)/56-68-PM of the Prime Minister's Office, the full text of the radio speech, the full particulars of the student in the name of Subhas Chandra who allegedly made the broadcast and the true copy of the report sent by the Radio Moscow authority in the matter.

S.No. 113/c

(c) The Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to report to the Commission the details of action taken on the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P. (Lok Sabha) addressed to Shri V.V. Giri, the then President of India which is lying at cor. pages 177 and 177(a) of Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-68-PM and the outcome thereof since the said letter appears to contain some important matters relevant for the purpose of inquiry of the Commission.

Action
taken
(ltr. of 10/4/72)

S.No. 108/c

21.(a) The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to report to the Commission immediately the outcome of the action referred to in para 2 of the d.o. letter dated January 30, 1970 of the Director (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to Sri Srinivasabardhan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, lying at cor. page 27 of the Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70/PM-Pol. Vol.V as also to send authenticated xerox copies of the relevant documents, if any, received from the U.K., the U.S.A., the U.S.S.R., and Japan by the Ministry of External Affairs as a result of the action taken by them.

Action
taken
(ltr. of 19/4/72)

(b) The Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Prime Minister's Office, Government of India, have been requested to send to the Commission true copies of Vols. I and II of Prime Minister Office's File No.F-2(64)/56-66-PM and of Prime Minister's Office File No.2(67)/56-62-PM, referred to

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in U.O. Note dated 04.08.1972 of the Prime Minister's Secretariat sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, lying at cor.page 64 of Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol.V and in the Khosla Commission's d.o. letter dated July 5, 1974 which is lying at cor.page 144 of Prime Minister Office's said Secret File.

- (c) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, has been requested to report to the Commission immediately the action taken on the points made by Shri Samar Guha in his d.o. letter dated December 21, 1973 addressed to the Prime Minister (vide cor.pages 116 to 122) of Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol. V, other than those points of the said d.o. letter specifically dealt by Shri Tandon, Joint Secretary to the Prime Minister in his U.O. No. PMS-370 dated 05.01.1974 vide cor.page 164 of the said file.
- (d) The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office is being requested to report immediately whether any reference was made by the Prime Minister's Office to the head of the Department, out of which the Prime Minister's Secretariat was created and/or to the head of the Department which became the custodian of the two documents mentioned at sub-paras (1) and (2) of the d.o. letter dated January 1, 1974 of the Private Secretary to the Prime Minister addressed to the Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (vide cor.page 123 of Prime Minister Office's Secret File No. 2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol. V), consequent upon the creation of the Prime Minister's Secretariat, to locate the said two vital documents referred to at sub-paras (1) and (2) of the aforesaid d.o. letter dated January 1, 1974.
- (e) The Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Prime Minister's Office are being requested to send to the Commission immediately an authenticated true copy of the answer of the Government to the Lok Sabha Starred Question D. No.3424 (vide cor. page 132) of the Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol. V as also of the Government notes on the supplementaries regarding the said Lok Sabha Questions.
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The documents received from different Archives in the Russian Federation by the Russian Foreign Office at the behest of the Indian Mission in Moscow and sent to the Commission by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, along with their English translation of those documents are required to be scrutinized by the Commission on getting proper verification of the correctness of the said English translation with the help of suitable translators from Russian to English. The Commission has already got some names of such translators.



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Vijay Gokhale
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated May 14, 2002

Dear *Vikas*,

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked for the authenticated copy of the information furnished by the Government of U.K. regarding non-existence of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the list of war criminals drawn up by them.

In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to the Mission's fax messages No. Lon/Pol/103/45/98 dated 4.1.99 and No.FS(Pol)/99 dated 12.4.99 confirming that Netaji's name was not included in any list of war criminals drawn up by the Govt. of U.K. As is obvious from these faxes, the Mission's replies were based on inputs received from the Govt. of U.K. However, these inputs are not available in documentary form in the files of Europe West Division. It is these papers emanating from the Govt. of U.K. confirming the non-inclusion of the name of Netaji in the list of war criminals which are required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

I would, therefore, request you to send us authenticated copies of the desired documents for onward transmission to the Commission.

R. T. S.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Vikas Swarup,
Counsellor(Pol)
High Commission of India,
London

*received
14/5/02*

Ministry of External Affairs
CNV Division

S.no. 135/c

This has reference to Ministry of Home Affairs' I.D. No. II/13012/27/2002-IS(US D.IV) dated 9.5.2002 regarding Admitted Unstarred Question No. 7257 tabled by Shri Amar Roypradhan, M.P. relating to the Netaji Enquiry Commission.

As desired, the inputs of this Ministry are given below ad seriatim.

- (a) Yes.
- (b) The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has till now visited the U.K. The Commission was in the U.K. from July 17, 2001 to July 28, 2001. During this period, the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission studied the records in the British Library, the Bodleian Library, the Hartley Library of the Southampton University and the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. The Hon'ble Chairman also met important relevant personalities like (1) Lord Peter Archer (2) Historian, Prof. Leonard A. Gordon (3) Dr. Andrew Hall, and (4) Mr. Richard Bevins.
- (c) No, this Ministry is not aware of this. However, this Ministry would like to draw attention to para 12 of the Status Report as on 19.3.2002 of the Justice Mukherjee Commission, where it is mentioned that during the visit of the Commission to U.K., Lord Archer had assured the Commission that he would take up the matter with the Lord Chancellor regarding the release of some classified files relating to the relevant period. It is further mentioned that the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission has subsequently (in January, 2002) written to Lord Archer to take up the matter of access of the classified papers with the Lord Chancellor. The request, however, has not been heeded to as stated in the Status Report.
- (d) No additional information is available except as mentioned at (c) above.
- (e) Following a request from the Commission to approach the Government of the U.K. to release all classified files relating to ~~the~~ Netaji, the concerned authorities in the U.K. were approached through the High Commission of India in London. In response, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office have clarified that the unreleased papers "do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available in the British Library. They are withheld as a matter of principle, because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released, rather than because of their particular content. In addition, one paper from the files available at the British Library is withheld on the grounds of continuing personal sensitivity." This information was also sent to the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

Issued 10/5/02

V.K. Gokhale
(V.K. Gokhale)
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Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri Mukesh Mittal, Director (IS-I),
North Block, New Delhi

MEA U.O. No. 25/4/NGO – Vol. VII dated 10.05.2002

Ministry of Home Affairs

IS Division (US D.IV)

Lok Sabha Secretariat has forwarded a copy of Admitted Unstarred Question No. 7257 tabled by Shri Amar Roypradhan, M.P for answer on 14.05.2002 regarding Netaji Enquiry Commission(.) This question reads as under(.)

- (a) WHETHER THE NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ENQUIRY COMMISSION, CONSTITUTED TO GO INTO THE DETAILS ABOUT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF NETAJI, VISITED VARIOUS COUNTRIES;
- (b) IF SO, THE DETAILS IN THIS REGARD;
- (c) WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT ARE AWARE THAT DURING THE VISIT OF COMMISSION TO LONDON, LORD CHANCELLOR ASSURED THE COMMISSION TO SHOW SOME FILES RELATING TO NETAJI;
- (d) IF SO, THE DETAILS THEREOF AND THE REASONS FOR NOT SUPPLYING THE SAME; AND
- (e) THE DETAILS OF ACTION INITIATED BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH THOSE COUNTRIES SO THAT SUCH FILES ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COMMISSION, WHICH HAS BEEN CONSTITUTED WITH A SPECIFIC PURPOSE.

2. It is, therefore, requested that required material/information in respect of the above question may be provided to this Ministry **urgently by return fax at fax no. 3015750 or 3017763** to enable us to draft a suitable reply to the question (.)


(MUKESH MITTAL)
DIRECTOR (IS-I)

Please put up draft our response. 9/5/02
Sh. Sen
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE, DIRECTOR (CNV))
SOUTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI

MHA I.D. No. II/13012/27/2002-IS(US D.IV) Dated 09.05.2002



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FOREIGN SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI-110 011

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VI

8 May, 2002

Dear Justice Mukherjee,

I would like to inform you that Shri Vijay Gokhale, Director (CNV), will now be the nodal officer in this Ministry for all matters relating to the Commission of Inquiry chaired by you. Future correspondence on the subject relating to this Ministry, may, therefore, be addressed to Shri Gokhale.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Chokila Iyer)

Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee

Chairman

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

'B' Block (3rd Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata – 700 087.

✓ Copy for Information to Smt. Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.


(Chokila Iyer)

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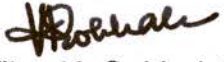
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No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VII
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

This has reference to the note No. 759/JS(AMS)/02 dated 28th March, 2002 by JS(AMS) regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on Netaji's disappearance.

JS(XP) may kindly send an early response in the matter since we are receiving reminders from the Commission on the issue.


(Vijay K. Gokhale)
Director(CNV)
8-5-02

JS(XP)

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Most Immediate

Ministry of External Affairs
CNV Division

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

EW Division may please refer to their note dated 19.7.2001(copy enclosed) forwarding therewith two faxes from HCI, London (copies enclosed) which are self-explanatory.

2. The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked for the authenticated copy of the information furnished by the UK Government confirming that the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose does not appear in the list of war criminals prepared by them.

3. EW Division is, therefore, requested to send us their files containing the two aforesaid faxes of HCI, London.

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US govt.
Pl. put up files.
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* No. WI/25/25/98-EW

EW File* on the subject is placed below. US(EW-I) may
pl. see previous fpx at various flags.

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US(EW-I)

As desired, the file containing the aforementioned
pages from HCL, London is placed below.
The relevant pages are flagged for information.

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Dis (aw) May wish to see.
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JS (CNU).

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1. Reference F/R from Ministry of Home Affairs requesting MEA to examine Hindustan Samajwadi Prajatantra Sena (HSPS)'s request that the agreement reached with the U.K on 14th August 1947 be placed on the Table of the House. HSPS has also sought information regarding the disappearance/death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and his inclusion in the list of war criminals drawn up by various foreign countries after World War II.

2. EW Division does not have any papers pertaining to the agreement reached with the U.K on 14 August 1947. Further, all relevant papers relating to the disappearance/death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose are currently with CNV Division. However, during the previous Parliament sessions, we obtained information on Netaji's inclusion in the list of war criminals by the U.K. Both the British Foreign Office and the Ministry of Defence have confirmed to our High Commission in London that Netaji's name is not in the list of war criminals drawn up by the U.K after World War II. Copies of Mission's self-explanatory faxes are enclosed. In view of the nature of information sought by the Ministry of Home Affairs, it is requested that we may forward the F/R and HCI London's faxes to CNV Division for appropriate action at their end.

May kindly approve.

Vani S. Rao

(Vani S. Rao)
Under Secretary (EW-II)
19 July, 2001

Director (EW)

may kindly see and approve
action proposed at 'x' above

Robert
19/7.

JS (EW)
As proposed.
20/7/2001

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Di (CNV)
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May wish to take appropriate action on the F/R.
(We have retained a copy)

May 22/7

Di (CNV)

28/7

As discussed.

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NGO Section
Draft letter is p.u. for approval pl.

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Message

CRASH - PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Reference your Fax of date regarding the 4 Lok Sabha Questions for answer on 21 April 1999.

2. Our inputs for the various questions are as follows, ad seriatim:

1) Information on Subhas Chandra Bose:

(a) Yes.

(b) The Government of India, through its High Commission in London, sought information from the Government of Britain about Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's name being on the list of war criminals drawn up by the UK after World War II.

(c) The information received from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the British Government was that no list of Indian war criminals was drawn up by the UK. Such a list was drawn up only for Japanese and German nationals. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's name did not figure on any such list.

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2) Delegation from Britain:

- (a), (b) & (c) Government is unaware of any such delegation from House of Lords' likely visit to India for enquiring into visa problems.

Relations with Britain:

- a) As part of an on-going process, the British Government reiterated their keenness to maintain and further develop good relations with India during the visit of our External Affairs Minister to UK from 2 - 5 February 1999, and during the visit of the Deputy Prime Minister of UK to India from 4 - 12 March 1999.

sh Dy. PM's Visit to India:

ive not yet received details of what transpired during the visit.

Warm regards,

P. Kapoor
(Pavan Kapoor)



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Message

Ref. your Telex of date regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The only additional information to my Fax of 25.11.1998 (copy enclosed for ease of reference) is that the Army Historical Branch of the Ministry of Defence also confirmed with their records that Netaji's name was not included in any 'List of War Criminals' drawn-out by the UK Government after the Second World War.

Regards,

[Signature]
(Pavan Kapoor)

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MOST IMMEDIATE

No. 25/4/NGO - VII(Part)
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged
disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

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The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked us to check the credentials of Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha who is said to have been a diplomat in our Missions/Posts in Switzerland, Berlin, Vienna and Prague after Independence. Under Secretary(FSP) is requested to check from the records in PAI/PAL Sections and let us know urgently whether any details are available on Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha's postings abroad.

N. Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)
Director (CNV)
14/2/02

US(FSP)

Pl. urgently check.

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Reference note on pre page,

As per the records available in PA-I Section, we do not find the name of 'Satyanarayan Sinha' posted to Europe in 1950's.

Submitted for information please.

[Signature]
15/4/02

AO (PA-I)

[Signature]
15/4

US (FSP) Have we found anything in PA-IV?

JS (AD) Urgent pl.

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20/4/2002

AO (PA-II)

URGENT/IMPORTANT

Please check whether any file of Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha's posting to Geneva/Berlin/Prague is available in the section. This may have to be checked on FSP's side also.

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[Signature] ^{whereabout} File Registers as well as personal files of officers posted in Missions abroad for the period 1960 and before are not available in the section. Also records regarding weeding out of files for the period is not traceable.

Ministry's publication "List of officers of the MEA at Hqs and in Missions abroad" for the period 1949-1960 have been thoroughly checked in the section and MEA Library, Patiala House. From the copies of 1.1.51 and 1.7.51 of the publication, it has been found that Dr. Satya Narayan Sinha was posted in E/I, Berne as "Officer on special Duty" w.e.f 24.7.50 and he was not an IFS officer. Submitted pl.

AO (PA-II)

Regarding A' on pre ^{26.4.02} page, there is only information available is regarding one assignment of Dr. Sinha, may be N60 has some record on the officer *[Signature]* 16/4

from pre page

Submitted for information please.

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US(F/SP)

Reference noting on pre-pages regarding credentials of Dr. Satyanarain Sinha, who is said to have been a diplomat in our Mission/Posts in Switzerland, Berlin, Vienna and Prague.

2. While personal files for the period prior to 1960 are not available, on checking the "List of Officers of the MEA at headquarters and Missions Abroad," it was found that Dr. Satya Narain Sinha was posted as officer on Special Duty in the Legation of India, Berne from 24th July 1950. (F/A).

3. We may forward the information to CNV Division, please. Delay is sincerely regretted.

JS(AD)

for info (w.r.t) 30/4/2002
Mr Reddy
1/5/02

for info (w.r.t)

SR
30/4/2002

Dir (CNV)'s
note of 14/2.
Sorry for the
delay

JS(CAN)

P.U. Dept. Mem
to Dir CNV

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LIST OF OFFICERS OF THE
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
AT HEADQUARTERS & IN EMBASSIES,
LEGATIONS, CONSULATES, POLITICAL MISSIONS,
ETC. ABROAD

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NOTE : Actual pays and scales of pay mentioned in the list should not be treated as authoritative for drawal of emoluments.

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Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

I am attaching below self-explanatory papers concerning Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on Netaji's alleged disappearance. JS(AD) may kindly assist us with the query at (b) from the Commission on whether one Satyanarayan Sinha was posted in Europe in the fifties.

JS(XP) may kindly indicate with reference to the query at (c) whether photographs taken during State visits to India by Krustchev and Brezenov would be available.

As for the queries in paragraphs (e) and (g), these would be best answered by PMO and no action from MEA is called for.

(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary (AMS)
28.3.2002

Separate copies:

JS(XP)

✓ JS(AD)

File copy for U.S.(NGO).

All check regarding the posting of Satyanarayan Sinha to Europe in the 50's & p.u. recently

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Subject: Letter from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) regarding a letter dated 3.11.2001 received from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser (Retd.) Planning Commission.

Reference is invited to this office ID note of even number dated 4.2.2002 and reminder dated 1.3.2002 on the subject mentioned above (copies enclosed).

MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.


[Sunil Jain]
Director

✓ Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV), MEA

PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol

dated: 27.3.2002

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2. MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.

[Sunil Jain]
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Enclosed please find a copy of letter No. JMCL/Russia/U.O.Papers/2001/77/526 dated 22.1.2002 received in this office from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry forwarding a letter dated 3.11.2001 from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.).

2. MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.


[Jarnail Singh]
Joint Secretary to PM

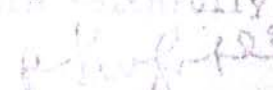
Foreign Secretary

PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol

dated: 04-02-2002

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 23.1.2002 from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.), forwarding a copy of the letter dated 3.11.2001 from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.), to the Commission of Inquiry. I am sorry to hear that the Commission of Inquiry is still pending. I am sure that the Commission of Inquiry will complete its work soon. I am sure that the Commission of Inquiry will complete its work soon. I am sure that the Commission of Inquiry will complete its work soon.



Yours faithfully,

(J. K. Sanghota)
Secretary

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/ Russia/U.O.Papers/2001/77/526 Kolkata, dated. January 22, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary
Prime Minister's Office, Member, I narrated what Dr.
Satyanarayan S Government of India, when he happened to see me in the
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Letter dated 03.11.2001 received
from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser,
Planning Commission (Retd.).

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the letter dated 03.11.2001 of Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.), who claims to have heard from Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha, a witness examined by Khosla Commission, about alleged presence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Russia, for your kind perusal. I am also directed to request you to provide the Commission with your detailed report and/or relevant documents regarding the matters of sub-paras (b), (c), (e) and (g) of the last page of the aforesaid letter.

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Ebcl: As stated above.

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Dated : 03.11.2001

Dr. P.D. Mukherji,
Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.),
B-188, Yojana (Bhawan) *Sihon*
New Delhi-110092.
Phone : 2155706, 2149869

Dear Shri Sen Gupta,

I had an opportunity to meet you on 20th September. I narrated what Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha told me about Netaji when he happened to see me in the Ministry of Industry where I was working as Deputy Economic Adviser. It was sometimes between February - March, 1978. He was assertive that he collected evidence to establish that Netaji did not die of plane crash and was kept somewhere in Siberia, USSR. His personal guess was that Netaji's end came sometimes 4-6 months before Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru died which was designed to be kept as a mystery. I did not keep any written records. However, out of my memory, I am putting down what he told me which I feel could be taken as clues and good leads for further probing.

1. When Dr. Sinha met me, he was working with the Clyde Valley, U.S.A. He wanted to import some second hand machinery which was available to him almost free of cost granted as a gift for his generous scientific contribution to science and the organisation. He told me that he inherited very very rich and vast tracts of land in Bihar and the machinery was required for necessary exploration and exploitation of such material exclusively for defence use. Since the import was from U.S.A. and the material related to primarily concerned nuclear field, many doubts arose in my mind at that time about the man's authenticity. I was rather cautious whether I was not being led to some trap. Dr. Sinha perhaps read my mind form a remark that I had just made bluntly that from his explanation of the proposal involving a most crucial subject of nuclear science and that too in a most non-technical language to a lay economist like me, it appeared he was more a scientist or a science professor in some university rather than a business man or an industrialist engaged in churning profits. How was that at his age, he could jump into a manufacturing venture related to atomic energy. The observation made by me was to bring his real-self out.
2. This one observation changed the whole direction of his conversation from capital goods import application to Netaji. He profoundly apologized that he had not established his credential first and highly appreciated my understanding of him as a science teacher. He told me that basically he was a scientist, perhaps physicist as I understood. He placed before me a big volume in German Language, perhaps a German Encyclopaedia on

Science or Who's who on science – opened a chapter devoted to him with his photo on top right corner of the first page of the article. He asked me whether any one could find a place in such a volume without having profound contribution to science and unless accepted internationally. Nodding affirmatively I observed that then my judgement was correct. He smiled and said that he would like to disclose some of his past enabling me to understand him in real perspective. He said that while working on scientific assignments abroad, he actively took up political works of important leaders like Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and others in those countries as he had worked with them in his youth while studying in India and abroad. Hence he was closely known to them. He said that Tagore was his literary Guru and Netaji was his political ideal from his youth days. He handed over a book to me entitled Operation Himalayas to establish that he kept writing on political and other subjects as well. He said that it was the only copy left with him and lent the book for my study which would be returnable when he visited Uddyog Bhawan next.

3. He told me that right after independence in early fifties (I do not remember the year mentioned), Pt. Neheru gave him a ring in U.S.A. with the request to come back to India by the first available flight. The requests of these leaders were just orders to him which he had to obey. So he resigned from his job and rushed back to Delhi. He met Nehru who, as in the past, embraced him and extended the best cordiality. Pt. Nehru told him that since he had command over 15 or so languages, including European languages, he should proceed to Viena/Geneva (I do not exactly remember) and with his headquarter there, he should construct files on India in respect of each European country's approach to India, through his meetings with officials and non-officials, collating materials from the files and other papers and discussions with important personalities of those countries Dr. Sinha further told that he readily agreed to the offer but wanted a fortnight's time for stitching some clothes etc. Pt. Nehru did not agree and asked him to leave Delhi within next three days as tickets would be there. He took Sinha to his bed room and took out some Achkans and Churidars from his wardrobe so that he did not delay his departure. This was the level of their relationship. This seemed to him as a prelude to establishment of regular Embassies in European countries.

4. Dr. Sinha said that he worked almost 18 hours a day to build up voluminous material on India in respect of each European Country, scanning through their files, papers, many secret documents and meeting with many officials and non-officials. After about 2 and a half years or so he came across a coded message between USA – Germany – USSR which he deciphered with strenuous efforts, and with the help of some friendly Germans, making it amply clear that Netaji was to be kept at Siberia till further decided. Since he had always a doubt about the plane crash theory

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and since Netaji was everything for him, he rushed back to Delhi to meet Nehru.

5. Dr. Sinha further told that when Nehru saw him in his office he was surprised to express as to how without any prior information he could leave his headquarter. However, he maintained his usual cordiality and took him to his antiroom to know about the precise reasons for the urgency to visit Delhi. Dr. Sinha said that he literally sat at the feet of Nehru and handed over the coded message and almost wept and kept begging that his Netaji was alive and should be saved. Nehru appeared to him as if he knew the fact. But he lost his temper and started bullying him in most undesirable language. Nehru told him that the people of his type were sentimental on Netaji and asked him to quit his office immediately and should never show his face again to him. He was almost kicked out. Dr. Sinha told that he handed over his resignation letter as knowing Nehru's mannerism, he was keeping this ready in his pocket.
6. Against my query, as to why did he not make a hue and cry on this, writing to the President of India and all other leaders and publishing this in all newspapers to make the people aware of the treatment being given to Netaji, their most beloved leader, by The Govt. of India. Dr. Sinha told me that it would have been just silly on his part. Political foresight required that he should keep mum so that Netaji's end was not hastened and that he and others could secretly continue with further probing to know the exact place of Netaji's confinement in USSR.
7. Dr. Sinha said that he returned to USA saddened and depressed and rejoined his assignment at Clyde Valley. He did visit Moscow 3-4 times afterwards but failed to break the iron curtain. He was becoming a persona-non-grata for the Indian Officials there. So he became helpless.
8. Narrating further, Dr. Sinha asked me whether I was aware of USSR President Brezenov's and Nikita Krustcheiv's visit to India in mid fifties. Confirming this I said that I was aware and particularly the ovation they got at Calcutta. Dr. Sinha brought out one Album and asked me whether I could locate him in those photos. I found that in all the photos, Dr. Sinha was standing with officials at the back. Sinha told me that before their visit, the same Nehru, loosing all his shame one fine morning, again gave him a ring in U.S.A. and asked whether he would do a personal favour to him and come to Delhi immediately. As in the past, Nehru's request was taken by him simply as an order, although he had no more soft corner left for him in his heart after he had been hurt by him so brutally earlier.
9. Sinha told that he rushed back to India and called on Nehru. Nehru was grim faced and appeared to be repenting on his past outbursts and behaviour. Sinha also told that he was equally quiet and except asking

about his welfare, he waited for Nehru to break the silence. Pt. Nehru told Sinha that he must be aware of Russian leader's imminent visit to India. Could he work as an interpreter as he was not only highly proficient in Russian language but also had full grasp of the Indian political scenario. Dr. Sinha told me that he was just waiting for such an opportunity which he could utilise for his final probing on Netaji. He readily agreed to the offer and took up the assignment right earnestly.

10. Speaking further, Sinha told that Russian leader's visits were so planned split second by split second that he was not getting an exclusive opportunity to ask Nikita Krustchev who was very outspoken and seemed to be more open, about Netaji's whereabouts. Their visit to Delhi was also coming to an end and so he was getting restless to ask. Meanwhile Nehru had conveyed to Sinha that the Russian leaders were extremely appreciative of his proficiency in Russian Language. Sinha told that it was the last delay of the Soviet Leaders stay in Delhi. In the evening, they were visiting Red Fort to accept a Mayorial Civic Reception. He was accompanying them and again showed me the snap taken there. When they were walking inside the Redfort to reach Dewane Khas, he paced up to reach near Krustchev some how to draw his attention. It just happened that at one stage, Krustchev was walking with his guards little faster, about two feet ahead of Brezhnev. Sinha almost reached by the side of Krustchev when he smiled and spoke to him in Russian language congratulating on his job done well. The guards also gave a little space to him watching Krustchev was talking to him in their language. Sinha further told that he mustered courage and almost in whispering voice he asked Krustchev where was Netaji Bose. Krustchev bluntly replied in Russian that ask your Nehru and Netaji would be at the Redfort within 24 hours.
11. Sinha told me that the day Russian leaders left Delhi and without loosing any time, he called on Nehru and narrated what Krustchev had told him about Netaji. Pt. Nehru lost temper and cool and rubuked him in merciless language that what audacity had he to talk to Krustchev and that too ask about Netaji. He shouted at him to leave his place. Sinha further told that he started weeping, uttering loudly that he knew about Netaji that Netaji was alive. Why was he not bringing him back to India? To avoid many people knowing what was transpiring there, Pt. Nehru left the room in huff and hurriedly. While narrating the above, tears rolled out of Sinha's eyes. He was so much depressed that he stood up and took up his briefcase and the cloth bag he was carrying for leaving my office without a single word about his C.G. application.
12. Bidding his goodbye and with similar depression in my heart, I enquired whether Netaji was still alive He replied that perhaps "No" and his guess was that 4-6 months prior to Nehru's death, Netaji's end came. Within 2 months or so of my above meeting with Dr. Sinha, I had to go abroad on a

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foreign assignment. The last copy of his book Operation Himalayas still remains with me.

I wonder whether the above could be of any value to the Commission. However, some leads about further probing as I percieve :

- a) Authenticity and credibility of Dr. Sinha. I am enclosing the cover pages of ~~the~~ his book on Operation Himalayas which gives the publisher's name. One can contact the publisher, find his address in Bihar and about his whereabouts. I have no knowledge. But at least his family members would be able to help you. Who knows that Dr. Sinha's personal files including that on Netaji including a copy of that coded message, if left with his family members, could be found in those papers.
- b) The Ministry of External Affairs could be contacted to know about his posting in Europe whether genuine or not. If genuine, study of all the files he constructed there during the period he stayed in Europe, will help the Commission.
- c) All photo snaps taken during Krustchev and Brezenov visit to Delhi;
- d) All the German Encyclopaedia on Science or the likes published before the took up the assignment in Europe.
- e) The copy of coded message which he handed over to Pt. Nehru - Nehru must not have destroyed it and must be in some of his personal files kept in National Archives.
- f) Study of USSR - USA - England's secret files about 6-8 months before Nehru's death - USSR must have also informed their allies of Netaji's death as the arrangement was to keep it as a mystery.
- g) Some of the senior officials as well as officials like personal stenographers who worked with Nehru during those crucial years, ofcourse if they are alive, could be of help. Similarly the USSR officials who had posting in Siberia during those crucial years, provided they are alive and there were means to contact them through some agency.

With regards

Shri Prodyot Sen Gupta
~~Member~~ Secretary
Netaji Enquiry Committee
Delhi

Yours sincerely,
Prem Das Mukherji
(Prem Das Mukherji)

Encl. : Cover Pages of The Book
Operation Himalayas

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CNV DIVISION

Since 129/c
This has reference to Ministry of Home Affairs' fax endorsement no. II/13013/42/2002-IS (US D.IV) dated 01.05.2002 regarding Rajya Sabha Question Dy. No. 10756 relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

This is to confirm that this Ministry does **not** have any material or information relating to the above mentioned question.

[Signature]
(Vijay K. Gokhale)
Director(CNV)
[Initials]

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri B.R.Dhiman, Under Secretary)

MEA U.O.No. 25/4/NGO – Vol.VII dated 06.05.2002

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TO : SHRI P.K.SENGUPTA, SECRETARY
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No. II/13013/VL/2002- IS (US D.IV) Dated 01.05.2002

RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT HAS FORWARDED A COPY OF THE STARRED/UNSTARRED QUESTION DY. NO. 10756 TABLED BY KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE, M.P FOR ANSWER ON 15.05.2002 (.) THE QUESTION READS AS UNDER: -

- (a) WHETHER GOVERNMENT'S ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN TO A SERIES OF THREE ARTICLES WHICH APPEARED IN THE HINDUSTAN TIMES ON 24TH, 25TH AND 26TH APRIL 2002 (COPY ENCLOSED) GIVING A GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF THE LAST DAYS SPENT BY NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE IN FAIZABAD DISTRICT OF THE UTTAR PRADESH;
- (b) IF SO, GOVERNMENT'S REACTION THERETO; AND
- (c) WHETHER IT IS A FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT TO REOPEN THE CASE OF NETAJI'S LAST DAYS IN THE LIGHT OF THE FACTS MENTIONED IN THESE ARTICLES FOR FEAR OF PUBLIC REACTION IN THE COUNTRY AND RUPTURE WITH FRIENDLY FOREIGN COUNTRIES?

2. IT IS REQUESTED THAT REQUIRED MATERIAL/INFORMATION ALONG WITH A NOTE FOR POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARY IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE QUESTION MAY BE PROVIDED TO THIS MINISTRY URGENTLY BY RETURN FAX AT MHA FAX NOS. 3015750/3017763 TO ENABLE US TO DRAFT A SUITABLE REPLY TO THE QUESTION (.)

Copy for similar action to:-

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Was Netaji living in UP as hermit?

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THE RENKOJI shrine in Japan may
or may not be the repository of Sub-
has Chandra Bose's ashes, but a few
teeth kept in the Faizabad district
magistrate's treasury for the past 16
years could finally establish the
truth about Netaji's disappearance.

According to Bose's relatives and
Indian National Army associates,
Netaji spent his last years disguised
as Bhagwanji, a hermit who lived in
a rented room in Faizabad.

They say the teeth were Bhagwan-
ji's. DNA tests on the teeth may be
conducted soon to examine the claim
that he was Bose. Bhagwanji died in
1985 at the age of 88 - Bose would
have been the same age that year.

Documents, photographs and sou-
venirs, which reportedly belonged
to the Bose family, were also found
in Bhagwanji's house. B. Lal, a hand-
writing expert appointed by Hin-
dustanTimes.com, says the writing
samples of Bhagwanji and Bose

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●Bose's followers say he spent
his last years as a hermit called
Bhagwanji in Faizabad

●Bhagwanji looked strikingly like
Bose. He stood as tall and was
of the same age. Like Bose, he
had gaps between his teeth and
a scalpel mark on his abdomen

For handwriting samples, expert's
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match, which means they must have
been written by the same person. All
the writing samples are dated after
1945 - the year in which Netaji re-
portedly died. However, while a
handwriting analysis could be sig-
nificant, it isn't conclusive.

After Bhagwanji's death, when

news spread that he may have been
Bose, the Allahabad High Court
sealed his belongings and sent them
to the Faizabad treasury. Last year,
the seal was broken so that the
Mukherjee Commission - which is
probing Netaji's disappearance -
could examine them.

A commission member said select
items from the Faizabad treasury
will reach Kolkata in early May. "We
may then go in for handwriting
analysis and a DNA test," he said.

Officially, however, Netaji has
been consigned to the X-files. The
government has continued to
stonewall efforts to get to the bottom
of the mystery and has refused ac-
cess to its Netaji dossier.

Home Secretary Kamal Pande ex-
plained this stance to the Mukherjee
Commission: "I have examined the
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It is large scale communal violence" in Gujarat between February 28 and March 1, following the Godhra car-bombing which claimed 58 lives. The report makes no mention of the death toll — believed to be 1,000 — in the und violence that seems to have overtaken the State. It ceased on Wednesday, the report comes a few weeks after Home Minister L.K. Advani said his government no longer claim that the rule has been free from communal violence. It has sought to play up the fact that the communal violence in the country, withstanding the fallout of a terrorist attack in the state, remained by and large under control. In apparent defence of the Modi government, the report says that "in order to deal with the situation and bring law and order" in Faizabad, Anand, Baroda, Navnagar, Mehsana, Rajkot and other districts, the state government "immediately deployed 6 companies of the Gujarat Police, 18 columns of the Gujarat Police and 28 companies of the Gujarat Police". However, there is no mention of why and how the situation worsened after the attack and the alleged participation of the police. The report is silent on how the situation in the community continued in the grip of fear.

Life as a recluse in UP

Anuj Dhar
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THIRTEEN PEOPLE were present when Bhagwanji of Faizabad was cremated at Guptar Ghat on the banks of the Saryu on September 18, 1985. When the pyre was lit, one of them broke down and said, "There should have been 13 lakh people here."

Sixteen years later, a stone that marks the spot is nearly covered by vegetation. On it someone has painted in an unsteady hand, 'Gumnami Baba' or a man with a lost name. A farmer working in the field nearby, however, is quick to tell you: "That's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose."

Faizabad has known Bhagwanji or Gumnami Baba since his days as a lodger at Rambhawan in 1983. Gurbasant Singh, his landlord for two years, remembers the day when R.P. Mishra (Bhagwanji's follower since 1975) walked in and booked the two-room annexe of the house. Mishra said the

rooms were for his grandfather and his caretakers, Saraswati Devi and her son Rajkumar Misra. "He stays in his room and worships all the time. He never appears before anyone," Mishra told him.

Rambhawan was carefully chosen so that Bhagwanji could lead his reclusive life. His rooms were to the back of the main house and could be reached through a narrow lane. When visitors came calling, they could walk in without being noticed.

Though Singh was the landlord for two years, he never met Bhagwanji. "I heard him speak... His voice was heavy and crisp, like that of a military general," says Singh.

By the time Bhagwanji moved to Faizabad, he was 86 years old and was in need of regular medical attention. Dr T. Banerjee, his son Dr Priyabrata and

Mishra were always there for him.

Dr Priyabrata who deposed before the Mukherjee Commission recalled the day in 1975 when Saraswati Devi came to their clinic and asked his father to accompany her to "attend to the baba".

"My father was a changed man when he returned... he was perplexed and excited," he says. Both Banerjee senior and his wife Pushpa had seen Netaji in the 1930s.

Not everyone was lucky to see the man. Ramji Pandey, his masseur, says Bhagwanji used to cover his face with a monkey cap. But the cuts on his abdomen did not escape Pandey's attention.

After Bhagwanji died on September 16, his body was kept in the house for two days after which his confidants draped his body in a tricolour and took his body in a van to the riverside and cremated him.

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'My coming out is not in India's interests'

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BHAGWANJI ENTERED India in the mid-1950s from Nepal with the help of Mahadeo Prasad Misra, a Sanskrit teacher working in Nepal. Misra is no more, but his grandson Rajkumar who grew up seeing Bhagwanji has many details on Bhagwanji.

The key figure, however, was Rajkumar's mother Saraswati Devi who died in November 2000, before she could depose before the Mukherjee Commission. Saraswati Devi served Bhagwanji from 1955, but it was only after his death in 1985, that she conceded Bhagwanji was indeed Netaji.

In 1955-56, Rajkumar and his widowed mother came to live

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with Misra, who was staying in a rented house at Singaar Nagar in Lucknow, along with Bhagwanji.

In 1958 they moved to Neemsar, close to the Indo-Nepal border, where they took shelter in a run-down Shiva temple. It was here in April 1962 that Atul Sen, an associate of Netaji, met and recognised the leader.

Sen returned to Kolkata soon after, and reported the matter to the Indian National Army's secret service agent Dr Pabitra Mohan Roy and historian Dr R.C. Majumdar.

When Dr Roy met Bhagwanji

in Neemsar, the former immediately recognised him.

In December 1962, Dr Roy took into confidence Leela Roy, one of Netaji's close friends and 'didi' to all revolutionary freedom fighters. Leela Roy acted quickly and by January 1963 had established contact with Bhagwanji. A message sent through an emissary to Leela Roy goes: "My coming out is neither in the country's interest nor in my interest."

Leela Roy remained a great source of help to him until her death in 1970. However, before she died, Leela Roy wrote to Netaji's closest friend Dilip Roy on September 7, 1963: "I wanted to tell you something about your babu... he is alive... in India."

Among Bhagwanji's associates were Netaji's elder brother

Suresh Bose, besides others of Netaji's circle.

Some of the important ones were Trailokya Nath Chakravarty, Sunil Das, Anil Das and Ashutosh Kali. In letters, testimonies, messages and private conversation, all of them hinted at the identity of Bhagwanji.

Former West Bengal Chief Minister, Prafulla Ghosh's and former West Bengal Attorney General Ajit Dutta's also sent dispatches to him.

As a practice, most of the letters written to Bhagwanji were cleared by Leela Roy and Dr Roy before forwarding. Also, no direct reference to Netaji was allowed in most of the letters.

(Leela Roy's letter, related documents, pictures and more stories available at www.hindustantimes.com)

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II) Kolkata, dated, 26th April'2002.
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Shri Jayant Prasad,
The Joint Secretary (AMS & CNY),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter No.
25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 2.4.2002 forwarding your
affidavit dated 1.4.2002 and to say that the Commission
has taken notice of the contents of your said
affidavit.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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✓ April 18, 2002

The Embassy of India in Tokyo presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan and has the honour to enclose a copy each of the Report of the Shaw Nawaz Committee (1956) and the Khosla Commission of Inquiry (1974) for the reference of the esteemed Ministry. This may kindly be acknowledged.

The Embassy has the further honour to request for the names and details of the persons willing to interact with the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Sd/-

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
[Southwest Asia Division]
Government of Japan
Tokyo

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Shri Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)

MEA, NEW DELHI

Respectful regards,

Rajasekhar
(C.Rajasekhar)

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Kolkata, dated, April, 19, 2002

NOTICE

The undersigned hereby gives notice to all concerned for their information and necessary action that he has been appointed by the Commission as Commissioner for recording further deposition of Shri Samar Guha (Witness no. 13) at his residence in Kolkata. The undersigned has, accordingly, fixed 30th day of April, 2002 (Tuesday) for recording further deposition of the said Shri Samar Guha (Witness no. 13) at or around 3:00 PM at his residence at 8/2, Central Park, Jadavpur, Kolkata-700032.

To
All Deponents

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Sh. Sen

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

(125) (142) 1285
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CNV DIVISION

S.no. 124/c

PMO may please refer to their I.D. No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol dated 1.3.2002 regarding Dr. P.D.Mukherjee's letter to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Records in this Ministry are still being searched in order to be able to offer the desired comments. This Ministry will revert in the matter as soon as any relevant material becomes available.

(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary(CNV)

Prime Minister's Office (Shri Sunil Jain, Director)
MEA U.O.No. 25/4/NGO – Vol.VII dated 29.4.2002

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S.No. 69/C
Reference is invited to this office ID note of even number dated 4.2.2002 regarding Dr. P.D. Mukherjee's letter to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.

JS/AMST/CONV

[Sunil Jain]
Director

✓ Foreign Secretary

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Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)

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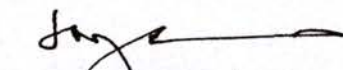
Dated April 26, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is in continuation of my D.O. of even number of 31st March, 2002 regarding the list of War Criminals maintained at the UN archives.

We have now received a response from our Mission in New York on the points mentioned at para (c) of my aforesaid letter. The letter which is self-explanatory is forwarded herewith for your information.

Yours sincerely,


(Jayant Prasad)

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To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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Copy to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Standing Counsel to the Govt. of India in Justice Mukherjee Commission, Room No.5, High Court Kolkata.



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✓ 773/NSO/20174/JSAMS/02
19/4/02
A. Gopinathan
Deputy Permanent
Representative

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April 11, 2002

My dear Jayant,

SN 103/c

This is with reference to your letter DO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII of March 31, 2002 on the question of the name of Netaji's appearing in the list of War Criminals maintained at UN archives.

2. We have looked at papers on the subject in the Mission. As mentioned in the letter of April 7, 1999, First Secretary (Legal Adviser), Shri Narinder Singh had gone through the lists of war criminals in the records of the UN War Crimes Commission. I am attaching herewith a copy of page 26 of the Archives Group which lists the Central Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects of the Allied Control Authority, including the Supplementary Wanted Lists.

3. It was also seen by Shri Singh during his physical examination that there was no entry regarding charges filed by any State against any Indian national in the lists of charge files consisting of formal charges submitted by States to the Commission.

4. In view of the above, we would like to confirm that the lists mentioned in the enclosure to Missions letter of April 7, 1999 are exhaustive. There is absolutely no indication whatsoever that Netaji's name was ever included in any of the lists and was deleted subsequently. Therefore, it would be safe to conclude that the name of Netaji was not included in the lists at any time.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(A. Gopinathan)

Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Copy for information to Smt. Deepa G. Wadhwa, JS(UNE), M.E.A., New Delhi

(A. Gopinathan)
D.P.R.

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UNITED NATIONS WAR CRIMES COMMISSION

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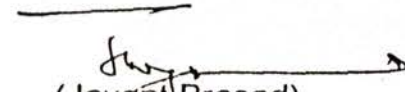
Member Governments, other National
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Series	Lists of War Criminals, Security Suspects and Witnesses especially from the Central Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects (CROWCASS) and other lists and related materials submitted by National Offices (<u>Restricted</u>)	Symbol PAG-3/2.1.
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The Lok Sabha Secretariat (Question Branch) may please refer to their U.O.No. SQ/17041(304)2002/Q dated 19.4.2002 regarding Starred Question Dy.No. 17041 relating to files on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. The above question has been transferred to this Ministry by the Ministry of Home Affairs. This Ministry has no objection to this transfer.
3. As regards the above mentioned question, the factual position is that this Ministry is not aware of the existence of any files or documents in the archives of Russia, USA, U.K. and Japan relating to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. However, the Governments of Russia, USA, U.K. and Japan were approached on the request of the Justice Mukherjee Commission inquiring into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, to provide us documents related to Netaji. Till now, some documents have been received from Russia which have been forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission for examination. No such documents have been received from any of the other three countries.
4. This Ministry has no objection to the information contained in the reply being conveyed to the Hon'ble Member.


(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary (CNV)

Lok Sabha Secretariat (Question Branch) - Assistant Director
MEA U.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 24.4.2002

Copy to : Shri V.P.Bhatia, Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS Division), North Block, New Delhi
MEA U.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 24.4.2002

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MOST IMMEDIATE

PARLIAMENT QUESTION

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
IS DIVISION (US D.IV)

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Subject : Starred/Unstarred Question Dy.No. 17041 for
30.4.2002 by Shri Amar Roy Pradhan, MP,
regarding files on Netaji Subhas Bose.

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Ministry of External Affairs may please find enclosed a copy of Lok Sabha Secretariat U.O.No. SQ/17041 (30.4) 2002/Q dated 19.4.2002 on the subject noted above and to say that a perusal of the contents of the Question would reveal that the subject matter thereof concerns Ministry of External Affairs. It is, therefore, requested that the transfer of this Question may please be accepted by the Ministry of External Affairs, under intimation to the Lok Sabha Secretariat.

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V.P. Bhatia

(V.P. BHATIA)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV), South Block, New Delhi.

MHA I.D.Note No. II/13012/23/2002-IS(US D.IV) dated 22.4.2002.

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QUESTION FOR LOK SABHA

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LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT
(Question Branch)

SUBJECT : Starred/Unstarred Question Dy. No. 17041 for 30.4.02
regarding Files on Netaji Subhash Bose

The Ministry of Home Affairs are requested kindly to state the facts regarding the above question (copy enclosed) as may be relevant to decide the admissibility of the question and also the extent of Government of India responsibility involved in the matter.

2. While furnishing the facts, it may please be stated whether the note has been shown to the Minister. In the absence of any indication to this effect, it will be assumed that it has been issued with the approval of the officer who has signed it. It may, be clarified that the plea of secrecy, public interest or national security may be taken only at the Minister's level.

3. In case the question substantially relates to some other Ministry, as per established practice, the Ministry who in their view is concerned with it may be requested to accept its transfer and convey their acceptance to Lok Sabha Secretariat. In no case, the question should be sent back to the Lok Sabha Secretariat. Until the acceptance is received in the Lok Sabha Secretariat, the question will continue to remain in the name of the Ministry to whom it is originally addressed and if in the meantime it is admitted, it will be admitted also against the Ministry originally addressed.

4. A reply is requested by 23.4.02

5. It may also be specifically stated whether the Ministry have any objection to the information contained therein being conveyed to the Member.

[Signature]
Asst. Director
UNDER SECRETARY
Tel. No. 3034321

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri R.K. Bhandarkar) 25
L.S.S. U.O. No. SQ/USQ 17041(30.4) 202/Q dated 19.4.02

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[Signature]
JS (IST)
AIR (IST)

This Question pertains to MEA.
Pl. request transfer TODAY.

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STARRED QUESTION

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From

AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Shri/Smt./Km.

To

The Secretary-General,
Lok Sabha, New Delhi.

Sir,

Under Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I give notice of the following

Starred Question for answer on 24/01/2002



Yours faithfully,

AM
Member
Division No. 374

17041

Order of preference

*Will the Minister of External Affairs be pleased to state:

(a)

Files on Netaji Subhas Bose

- whether he is aware that Archives Departments of Russia, America, U.K. and Japan are having various files relating to disappearance of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- if so, the details of such files, if available with the Government of India;
- what are those circumstances under which the certain documents / files having significant bearing of the disappearance issue, or copies thereof are neither available in any Archives Department of Government of India nor the Government have bothered to requisition such records from those countries till date;
- whether govt. propose to requisition such files from such countries and keep them in its Archives Department in the near future;
- if so, by when; and if not, detailed reasons for the same ?



Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated April 19, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Kindly refer to your letters No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/607 & 608(2) both dated 14th March, 2002 regarding obtaining of documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from UK, USA, USSR and Japan pursuant to the request of the then MPs, Shri Chitta Basu and Shri M.L. Sondhi made in the year 1970.

A scrutiny of the records has revealed that the responses received from our Mission in the USA, USSR and Japan, who were approached by us for procuring the requisite documents, were communicated to the Ministry of Home Affairs. Copies of the the communication from our Missions are enclosed. It may be seen, however, that no documents were received from our Missions. As regards UK, no response from our Mission is available in our records.

best regards

Yours sincerely,

(Jayant Prasad)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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Copy to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Standing Counsel to the Govt. of India in Justice Mukherjee Commission, Room No.5, High Court Kolkata.

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EMBASSY OF INDIA,
MOSCOW.

No. Mos/Min/Sec/71

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February 19, 1971

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated the 30th January, 1971, on Netaji Enquiry Commission.

2. The official position of the Soviet Government about the career of Subhas Chandra Bose is given in the Third Volume of the latest edition of the Great Soviet Encyclopaedia which is given below:

"BOSE SUBHAS CHANDRA (23.1.1897, Cuttack, Orissa, 18.8.1945, Taiwan island) Leader of the Indian National Freedom movement. In 1924-25 became a member in the party of the Swarajists. From 1928 along with Jawaharlal Nehru, Leader of the "leftists" in the Indian National Congress Party. In 1939 ~~forwar~~ formed the petty-bourgeois party - Forward Bloc. Thinking that any enemy of England is the ally of the national struggle of the Indians, Bose searched for help from Germany and Japan. In 1941 escaped to Germany. In 1942 became the head of the so-called government "Azad Hind" in Japanese-occupied Burma and formed the "Indian National Army" out of Indian war prisoners. This army fought on the side of Japan against Britain. Died during an air-crash.

3. It will be noticed that this article categorically states that Shri Subhas Chandra Bose passed away in 1945. It would, therefore, be of no use to approach the Soviet Government for material on his alleged disappearance since, according to this authoritative announcement, the Soviet Government does not appear to record the death of Netaji Subhas Bose in any mysterious way.

4. This refers to para 4 of ~~your~~ letter. We are not able to see the connection between para 6 and the Soviet Union.

Yours ever,
Chancery

The Ministry of External Affairs
East Asia Division
NEW DELHI

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भारत का राजदूतावास, टोकियो
EMBASSY OF INDIA
TOKYO

February 22, 1971.

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.C/551/8/70-JP dated 30th January 1971 regarding enquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Bose.

In the past we had already once approached the Japanese Government enquiring if they had any record with them to show that Netaji Subash Chandra Bose was ever arrested as a war criminal or had ever been a "prisoner of war" and the Japanese Government had already informed us that they had no evidence with them to suggest either that Netaji Bose was ever arrested for being a war criminal nor held as a prisoner of war. This was communicated to you vide Shri Ajmani's d.o. letter No.621-CP/67, dated 29.12.67. Recently in response to Shri Cherpoot's d.o. letter No.C-551/8/70-JP dated 27.10.70 to Shri Uppal, we had again made enquiries with the Japanese Government whether Netaji's name figured on the list of war criminals and were told that his name did not figure on the war criminal lists. This too has been communicated to you vide Shri Uppal's d.o. letter No.SS/70, dated 4.12.70 to Shri Cherpoot.

As regards reports prepared by Genl. Mac Arthur and Lord Mountbatten referred to in para 6 of Shri Chitta Basu's letter dated November 2, 1970, these reports, if they exist, would be available with the Governments of U.S. and U.K. and not with the Government of Japan.

Yours ever,

The Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.



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DAS FROM DOSHI

REFERENCE YOUR TELEX NO. C.551/8/70-JP OF

MARCH 21, 1971, REGARDING MATERIAL ON DISAPPEARANCE OF

NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRANANDRA BOSE. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE

HERE. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THERE WAS NO REPORT

SUCH AS THE ONE MENTIONED IN PARA 6 OF M.P.'S LETTER.

WE ARE CONTINUING FURTHER ENQUIRIES.

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IMMEDIATE

No. 25/4/NGO – Vol.VII(Part I)
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

The EA Division had sent to this Section their file No. C/551/8/70 – JP(Vol.I)[Sub:Fresh probe into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose] with their note No.C/551/10/2000–JP dated 23.8.2001, in connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. We have now received a communication from the Commission which would require us to examine some old records, some of which have been traced in the aforesaid file of the EA Division. The rest of the records would most probably be in the other volumes of the same file which have not been forwarded to us.

EA Division may, therefore, send us the remaining volumes of their file No. C/551/8/70-JP to enable us examine them before sending a response to the Commission.

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Pl. p.u. the file to US(JK) for vetting.
This is urgent.

12.4.2002

US(EA)

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GR DS

All the files related to Netaji, available with Section, has already forwarded to NGO Section and we asked for some more files from RM Section who had stated that the same were not available.

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated April 17, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Kindly refer to your letter No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/10 dated 3rd April, 2002.

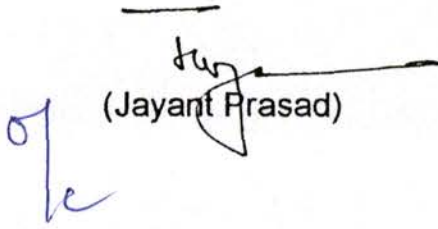
2. The requisite information as provided by our Mission in Washington is enclosed.

3. Please also refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/629 dated 26.3.2002 regarding proposed examination of witnesses in Japan. We are awaiting the desired information from our Mission in Tokyo. It will be conveyed to you as soon as it becomes available.

4. As regards your letters No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/607 & 608(2) both dated 14.3.2002, we are trying to locate the relevant records and the requisite records/information will be sent to you as soon as possible.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Jayant Prasad)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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Encl: as above

Copy to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Standing Counsel to the Govt. of India in Justice Mukherjee Commission, Room No.5, High Court Kolkata.



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Dated: 11th April, 2002

From : INDEMBASSY WASHINGTON D.C.

To : FOREIGN NEW DELHI

Shri Jayant Prasad, JS(AMS) from Anil Chowdhry, Minister (CA)

Please refer to your fax message dated 9.4.2002 addressed to DCM regarding postal address of Friends of Indian Society in the USA required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. The reference is perhaps to Friends of India Society International. The Society was formed during the Emergency. It is currently headed by Prof. Ved P. Nanda, Provost in the International Law Department of University of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Jitendra Kumar is the Senior Vice-President of the Society.

3. I am giving below the available postal addresses, tel. numbers and e-mail addresses of both:-

Prof. Ved P. Nanda
1900 Olive Street
Denver, Colorado 80220
United States of America
Tel.No. 001-(303) 871-5276
E-mail- nandas@earthlink.net

Mr. Jitendra Kumar
9809 Korman Ct
Potomac, MD 20854
Tel.No. 001-301-984-7050
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Regards,

(Anil Chowdhry)

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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/10. Kolkata, dated, 3rd April' 2002.

From : Shri P. K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110 001.

Ref: D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated
04.02.2002 of the Director (CNV)
addressed to the Secretary of the
Commission.

S i r,

S.M. 96/c

I am directed to refer to this office letter No.
JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/560 dated 19.2.2002 and
to state that response thereto from your end is yet to
be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you again to
help the Commission obtain the particulars, as asked for
in the last para of the Commission's letter no. JMCI/
Doc(For)/99-2000/56/49 dated 27.4.2001, as expeditiously
as possible.

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)10(1). Dated 3.4.2002.

Copy to Smt. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV) Ministry of
External Affairs, Govt. of India for information and
necessary action.

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Most Immediate

Ministry of External Affairs
CNV Division

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

EW Division may please refer to their note dated 19.7.2001(copy enclosed) forwarding therewith two faxes from HCI, London (copies enclosed) which are self-explanatory.

2. The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked for the authenticated copy of the information furnished by the UK Government confirming that the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose does not appear in the list of war criminals prepared by them.

3. EW Division is, therefore, requested to send us their files containing the two aforesaid faxes of HCI, London.

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/ Kolkata, dated, 14th March '2002.
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To : 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

2) The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L.Sondhi, M.P.(Lok Sabha) addressed to Shri V.V.Giri, President of India (vide enclosed copies of cor.pages 177 & 177A of Prime Minister Office's Secret File No. 2(64)/56-68-PM), which contains some matters appearing to be relevant for the purpose of inquiry of this Commission, I am directed to state that cor.page 179 thereof, which is a copy of P.M. Sectt. u.o. No.2/64/56-70-PM dated October 22, 1970 (vide copy enclosed) shows that a copy of the said letter of Shri M.L.Sondhi had been sent by the Prime Minister's Office to the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs for such action as was considered appropriate.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to report to the Commission the details of action taken on the said letter of Shri Sondhi and the outcome thereof since those facts do not appear to be available in the said file.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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M.L. Sondhi
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT
Dy. No. 5040-050
Dated 17.10.70

C-1/6, Lodi Gardens,
New Delhi-3.

15th October, 1970.

Respected Rashtrapati ji,

Please permit me to draw your attention to a reference to Netaji's death which was published in the American version of Goebbel's Diary in its first edition. As you will notice in the enclosed copy of a page of this book, it has been mentioned in the explanatory note that Netaji was arrested and shot by the American troops. This American edition of Goebbel's Diary was withdrawn from circulation by the American Government, but we have been able to trace a copy of this book and I am drawing your attention to this particular matter because of the Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970) the Government have formed with Justice G.D. Khosla as its Chairman.

2. We are all very thankful to you for having agreed to make another effort to clear the mystery of Netaji's death, but in my view this mystery is surrounded with so much secrecy that unless this Committee of Enquiry has also some members from other countries, the Committee will not be able to achieve anything very substantial. In the first place, Government of India should request the State Department of the U.S. Government to release from its archives all the secret files in connection with Netaji's death and the same approach should also be made to the Japanese and other Governments.

3. May I, therefore, suggest that you should kindly review the composition of the Enquiry Committee and include in it some internationally well-known jurists and ensure that the injustice done by the Shah Nawaz Commission of 1956 is not repeated.

4. I have to draw your attention to a related matter which is the Verdict of the Tokyo Trial vis-a-vis Netaji. The consistent position taken by our informed citizens is that the Tokyo Trial was a grave injustice to the Japanese people and to Netaji. There is a popular demand among Indian intellectuals that the Government of India should take concrete steps to undo the Verdict of the Tokyo Trial. It is a matter of some comfort that the renowned Indian judge Radha Binod Pal in his dissenting judgement exposed by implication the malafides of the other Allied judges on the Tokyo tribunal.

M.L. Sondhi
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



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New Delhi-3.

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Reflecting the wishes of the overwhelming majority of millions of our countrymen who respect and admire the cooperation of Subhas Chandra Bose and the Japanese people, I propose to bring in the next session of Parliament a motion placing on record the heartfelt thanks of the Indian people to the Japanese people and calling upon the Government of India to take steps to get the Tokyo Verdict vacated by all diplomatic means at its disposal.

With respectful regards,

Yours sincerely,

M.L. Sondhi.

(M.L. SONDHI)

Shri V.V. Giri,
President of India,
New Delhi.

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October 22, 1970.

A copy of a letter dated October 15, 1970 addressed to the President by Shri M.L.Sondhi, M.P., together with a copy of the covering letter from the President's Secretariat, regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, is forwarded herewith for such action as is considered appropriate.

W.P.

(V.P. Marwaha)
Private Secretary to the
Prime Minister.

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Ministry of Home Affairs
Ministry of External Affairs
P.M. Sectt. u.o. No. 2/64/58-756m

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Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission

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No.TOK/102/03/01

March 20, 2002

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry

Dear Smt Chauhan.

S.no. 94/c

S.no. 82/c

This is with reference to your DO No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated February 21, 2002 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry. You would have received the fax of Shri T. Darlong, Head of Chancery clarifying the amount of taxi charges in the budget estimates. We have noted that the Commission does not wish to hire PCs and photocopiers. It is submitted that as conveyed to the Hon'ble Commission through your office earlier, it is not possible to arrange for typewriters. Only lease of PCs is possible. It is also submitted a photocopier may be useful for the functioning of the Commission's office and charges for using the business centre in the hotel may be quite high for photocopying purposes.

With regard to the Hon'ble Commission's visit to Tokyo, I am enclosing a copy of my fax of even number dated March 1, 2002 which contains important responses of the Foreign Office pertaining to the Hon'ble Commission's proposed visit to Japan. We hope that this information has been brought to the attention of the Hon'ble Commission. We would appreciate having the response of the Commission on the matters referred to in the fax.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Biren Nanda)

Smt. Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi

There is already
a letter in this
regard from the Commission.

For s.a. pl.

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To	Foreign New Delhi	Fax No.	
For	Smt. Narinder Chauhan Director(CNV)	From	Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission
Rptd	Shri Vijay Gokhale, Director(EA)	Date	March 1, 2002
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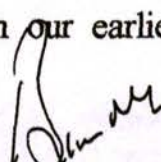
This is in continuation of correspondence resting with our faxes of even number dated February 6 and February 8, 2002 on the above subject.

The South West Asia Division of the Japanese Foreign Office which deals with India have conveyed to us that most of the witnesses that the Hon'ble Commission wishes to depose before it have passed away. The surviving persons are reluctant to depose before the Commission. They have advised that an informal interaction of the Hon'ble Commission with the surviving witnesses could be arranged at a place like the Renkoji Temple where the alleged ashes of the Netaji are kept. This would be an alternative to the individual testimonies sought by the Hon'ble Commission. With regard to the Hon'ble Commission's request for access to documents of the Japanese Government, the South West Asia Division conveyed that all relevant documents had already been placed before earlier commissions and they were not in possession of any new documents on the subject.

In view of what has been conveyed above by the Japanese Foreign Office, the Embassy would request the instructions of the Hon'ble Commission on how we should respond to the observations of the local Foreign Office.

We also await responses to the queries raised by us in our earlier communications of February 6 and 8, 2002.

With kind regards.


(Biren Nanda)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated April 10, 2002

Dear Biren,

S.no. 109/c

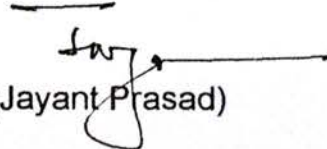
This has reference to the correspondence relating to the proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

The Commission has desired to know the name of the Japanese witness who has expressed his willingness to depose before it and also the names of the witnesses who are willing to interact with the Commission, but not formally depose before it.

We are also forwarding herewith a copy each of the Report of the Shah Nawaz Committee(1956) and the Khosla Commission of Inquiry(1974) as desired by the Japanese Foreign Office.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Jayant Prasad)

Shri Biren Nanda,
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
Tokyo

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No. 25/4/NGO – Vol.VII(Part I)
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

The EA Division had sent to this Section their file No. C/551/8/70 – JP(Vol.I)[Sub:Fresh probe into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose] with their note No.C/551/10/2000–JP dated 23.8.2001, in connection with the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. We have now received a communication from the Commission which would require us to examine some old records, some of which have been traced in the aforesaid file of the EA Division. The rest of the records would most probably be in the other volumes of the same file which have not been forwarded to us.

EA Division may, therefore, send us the remaining volumes of their file No. C/551/8/70-JP to enable us examine them before sending a response to the Commission.

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D. O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/
70/629.

Date : 26th March, 2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

Dear Mrs. Chauhan,

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I am directed to refer to your d.o. letters No. 25/
4/NGO-Vol.VII dated February 21, 2002 and dated March
1, 2002 and to request you to let the Commission know,
as early as possible, the name of the Japanese witness
who is willing to depose before the Commission and
the names of the witnesses in Japan who are not willing
to formally depose, but may be available for interaction
with the Commission.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Warm regards,

Yours faithfully,

P. K. Sengupta

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

To
Smt. Narinder Chauhan,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110 001.

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/ Kolkata, dated, 14th March '2002.
607.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the d.o.
letter dated January 30, 1970 of the Director (EA),
Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to Shri Srinivasa-
bardhan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, which appears at cor.page 27 of Secret
File No.2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol.V of the Prime Minister's Office
and to request you to report to the Commission immediately
the outcome of the action, as stated in para 2 of the said
d.o. letter, taken by the Ministry of External Affairs
and to send authenticated xerox copies of the relevant
documents, if any, received from the U.K, the U.S.A., the
U.S.S.R. and Japan by the Ministry of External Affairs, as
a result and in pursuance of the action taken by them.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.

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Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi-11

V.V. Paranjpe.
Director (FA)

January 30, 1971

No. 1/551/2/70.JP

Dear Shri Srinivasavaradan,

Please refer to your letter No. 25/43/70-Poll.II dated November 13, 1970 addressed to the Foreign Secretary, regarding Shri Chitta Basu's letter on the subject of Netaji Inquiry Commission.

2. We have addressed our Missions in U.K., USA, USSR and Japan on the points raised by Mr. Basu in his letter of November 2, and if any material is available, we have asked our Missions to make it available to us for the use of the Commission.

3. For obvious reasons, we cannot write to Taiwan authorities.

4. As regards Mr. Basu's suggestion that the United Nations should be approached to constitute an international inquiry commission, this Ministry does not feel that UN Commission is possible, practicable or desirable. We would, therefore, advise against the suggestion.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/

(V.V. Paranjpe)

Shri T.C.A. Srinivasavaradan,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

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FAX MESSAGE

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To: Shri Alok Prasad, DCM,
Indembassy Washington

From: Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary
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Date: 9.4.2002

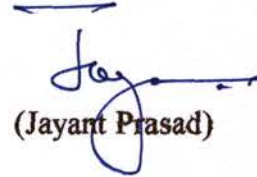
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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

DCM from JS(AMS)

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked for the present postal address, Fax number and e-mail address of the Friends of Indian Society in the USA.

I would be grateful if the desired information could be communicated to me at the earliest.


(Jayant Prasad)

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in the last para of the Commission's letter no. JMCI/
Doc(For)/99-2000/56/49 dated 27.4.2001, as expeditiously
as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)10(1). Dated 3.4.2002.

Copy to Smt. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV) Ministry of
External Affairs, Govt. of India for information and
necessary action.

P. Sengupta
Secretary

Please put up
response urgently to
the letter under reference.
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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56/49

Calcutta, dated the 27th April 2001

FROM : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India,
South Block
New Delhi 110 001

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the article titled "Did Netaji die in an Aircrash in 1945?" authored by one Sri R.C. Batura which appears to have been published in the Organiser, a periodical pertaining to the week ending on February 5, 1995 and to request you to kindly take up with the Government of the U.S.A. the matter of making available to the Commission all declassified documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA in possession of the U.S. Government including the declassified CIA documents and McArthur papers on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose/INA for scrutiny by or on behalf of the Commission. The importance of these documents for the purposes of the inquiry of the Commission may be impressed upon the U.S. Government so that the Commission is not only given access to the documents for scrutiny but also provided with Micro films/Micro Fiche of such of those documents as may, on scrutiny, be found relevant for the purposes of the inquiry.

I am further directed to request you to kindly obtain the present postal address, Fax number and e-mail number of the Friends of Indian Society in the U.S.A. through the good office of the Indian Embassy in the U.S.A. and communicate the same to the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclo: As stated above



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Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated April 2, 2002

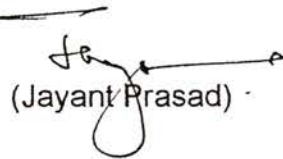
Dear Shri Sengupta,

Sno 99/c

Kindly refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/612 dated 14th March, 2002, regarding submission of an Affidavit by this Ministry in connection with the record of interview of Shri K.P. S. Menon with Stalin.

2. As required, an affidavit duly sworn by me is enclosed herewith.

best regards,
Yours sincerely,


(Jayant Prasad)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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AFFIDAVIT

I, Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

2. That I have read the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMC/Records/N. Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/612 dated 14th March 2002 and understood its contents.

3. I would like to state the following:

(i) that the available records of the interview of the then Indian Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Shri K.P.S. Menon with Stalin held on 17th February 1953, have already been shared with the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission.

(ii) that no further document relating to the point of enquiry of the Commission, save and except the record of the interview of Shri K.P.S. Menon with Stalin as referred to in para 3(i) is available in the possession and/or under the control of the Ministry of External Affairs.



(Jayant Prasad)
DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

Verified at New Delhi on this 1st day of April, 2002, that the contents of the above affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge derived from official records.



Verified that the foregoing Statement was declared on solemn Affirmation before me which has been read over to the deponent who has admitted it as correct.

Notary, DELHI
01-04-2002

(Jayant Prasad)
DEPONENT

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

2. That I have read the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMCI/Records/N. Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/612 dated 14th March 2002 and understood its contents.

3. I would like to state the following:

(i) that the available records of the interview of the then Indian Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Shri K.P.S. Menon with Stalin held on 17th February 1953, have already been shared with the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission.

(ii) that no further document relating to the point of enquiry of the Commission, save and except the record of the interview of Shri K.P.S. Menon with Stalin as referred to in para 3(i) is available in the possession and/or under the control of the Ministry of External Affairs.



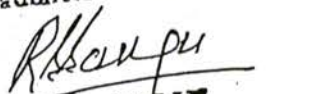

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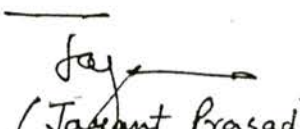
VERIFICATION

Verified at New Delhi on this 1st day of April, 2002, that the contents of the above affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge derived from official records.



Verified that the foregoing Statement was declared on solemn Affirmation before me which has been read over to the deponent who has admitted it correct.


Notary, DELHI
01-04-2002


(Jayant Prasad)
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Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

I am attaching below self-explanatory papers concerning Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on Netaji's alleged disappearance. JS(AD) may kindly assist us with the query at (b) from the Commission on whether one Satyanarayan Sinha was posted in Europe in the fifties.

JS(XP) may kindly indicate with reference to the query at (c) whether photographs taken during State visits to India by Krustcheiv and Brezenov would be available.

As for the queries in paragraphs (e) and (g), these would be best answered by PMO and no action from MEA is called for.

(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary (AMS)
28.3.2002

Separate copies:

JS(XP)

JS(AD)

✓ File copy for U.S.(NGO).

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Subject: Letter from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) regarding a letter dated 3.11.2001 received from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser (Retd.) Planning Commission.

Reference is invited to this office ID note of even number dated 4.2.2002 and reminder dated 1.3.2002 on the subject mentioned above (copies enclosed).

MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.


[Sunil Jain]
Director

✓ Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV), MEA
PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol

dated: 27.3.2002

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Reference is invited to this office ID note of even number dated 4.2.2002 regarding Dr. P.D. Mukherjee's letter to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.

[Sunil Jain]
Director

Foreign Secretary

PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol

dated: 1.3.2002

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Enclosed please find a copy of letter No. JMCL/Russia/U.O.Papers/2001/77/526 dated 22.1.2002 received in this office from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry forwarding a letter dated 3.1.2001 from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.).

2. MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.


[Jarnail Singh]
Joint Secretary to PM

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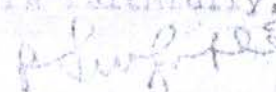
Foreign Secretary

PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol

dated: 04-02-2002

Enclosed for perusal of the Commission of Inquiry, for your kind perusal. I am also directed to request you to provide the Commission with the details of the said and/or relevant documents regarding the matters of sub-para (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the last page of the aforesaid letter.



Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: As stated above.

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No. JMCI/ Russia/U.O.Papers/2001/77/526 Kolkata, dated, January 22, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary
Prime Minister's Office, Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Letter dated 03.11.2001 received
from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser,
Planning Commission (Retd.).

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the letter dated 03.11.2001 of Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.), who claims to have heard from Dr. Satyanaray. Sinha, a witness examined by Khosla Commission, about alleged presence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Russia, for your kind perusal. I am also directed to request you to provide the Commission with your detailed report and/or relevant documents regarding the matters of sub-paras (b), (c), (e) and (g) of the last page of the aforesaid letter.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Ebcl: As stated above.

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Dated : 03.11.2001

Dr. P.D. Mukherji,
Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.),
B-188, Yojana (Bhawan) Vihar
New Delhi-110092.
Phone : 2155706, 2149869

Dear Shri Sen Gupta,

I had an opportunity to meet you on 20th September. I narrated what Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha told me about Netaji when he happened to see me in the Ministry of Industry where I was working as Deputy Economic Adviser. It was sometimes between February - March, 1978. He was assertive that he collected evidence to establish that Netaji did not die of plane crash and was kept somewhere in Siberia, USSR. His personal guess was that Netaji's end came sometimes 4-6 months before Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru died which was designed to be kept as a mystery. I did not keep any written records. However, out of my memory, I am putting down what he told me which I feel could be taken as clues and good leads for further probing.

1. When Dr. Sinha met me, he was working with the Clyde Valley, U.S.A. He wanted to import some second hand machinery which was available to him almost free of cost granted as a gift for his generous scientific contribution to science and the organisation. He told me that he inherited very very rich and vast tracts of land in Bihar and the machinery was required for necessary exploration and exploitation of such material exclusively for defence use. Since the import was from U.S.A. and the material related to primarily concerned nuclear field, many doubts arose in my mind at that time about the man's authenticity. I was rather cautious whether I was not being led to some trap. Dr. Sinha perhaps read my mind form a remark that I had just made bluntly that from his explanation of the proposal involving a most crucial subject of nuclear science and that too in a most non-technical language to a lay economist like me, it appeared he was more a scientist or a science professor in some university rather than a business man or an industrialist engaged in churning profits. How was that at his age, he could jump into a manufacturing venture related to atomic energy. The observation made by me was to bring his real-self out.
2. This one observation changed the whole direction of his conversation from capital goods import application to Netaji. He profoundly apologized that he had not established his credential first and highly appreciated my understanding of him as a science teacher. He told me that basically he was a scientist, perhaps physicist as I understood. He placed before me a big volume in German Language, perhaps a German Encyclopaedia on

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Science or Who's who on science – opened a chapter devoted to him with his photo on top right corner of the first page of the article. He asked me whether any one could find a place in such a volume without having profound contribution to science and unless accepted internationally. Nodding affirmatively I observed that then my judgement was correct. He smiled and said that he would like to disclose some of his past enabling me to understand him in real perspective. He said that while working on scientific assignments abroad, he actively took up political works of important leaders like Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and others in those countries as he had worked with them in his youth while studying in India and abroad. Hence he was closely known to them. He said that Tagore was his literary Guru and Netaji was his political ideal from his youth days. He handed over a book to me entitled Operation Himalayas to establish that he kept writing on political and other subjects as well. He said that it was the only copy left with him and lent the book for my study which would be returnable when he visited Uddyog Bhawan next.

3. He told me that right after independence in early fifties (I do not remember the year mentioned), Pt. Nehru gave him a ring in U.S.A. with the request to come back to India by the first available flight. The requests of these leaders were just orders to him which he had to obey. So he resigned from his job and rushed back to Delhi. He met Nehru who, as in the past, embraced him and extended the best cordiality. Pt. Nehru told him that since he had command over 15 or so languages, including European languages, he should proceed to Vienna/Geneva (I do not exactly remember) and with his headquarter there, he should construct files on India in respect of each European country's approach to India, through his meetings with officials and non-officials, collating materials from the files and other papers and discussions with important personalities of those countries Dr. Sinha further told that he readily agreed to the offer but wanted a fortnight's time for stitching some clothes etc. Pt. Nehru did not agree and asked him to leave Delhi within next three days as tickets would be there. He took Sinha to his bed room and took out some Achkans and Churidars from his wardrobe so that he did not delay his departure. This was the level of their relationship. This seemed to him as a prelude to establishment of regular Embassies in European countries.
4. Dr. Sinha said that he worked almost 18 hours a day to build up voluminous material on India in respect of each European Country, scanning through their files, papers, many secret documents and meeting with many officials and non-officials. After about 2 and a half years or so he came across a coded message between USA – Germany – USSR which he deciphered with strenuous efforts, and with the help of some friendly Germans, making it amply clear that Netaji was to be kept at Siberia till further decided. Since he had always a doubt about the plane crash theory

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and since Netaji was everything for him, he rushed back to Delhi to meet Nehru.

5. Dr. Sinha further told that when Nehru saw him in his office he was surprised to express as to how without any prior information he could leave his headquarter. However, he maintained his usual cordiality and took him to his anteroom to know about the precise reasons for the urgency to visit Delhi. Dr. Sinha said that he literally sat at the feet of Nehru and handed over the coded message and almost wept and kept begging that his Netaji was alive and should be saved. Nehru appeared to him as if he knew the fact. But he lost his temper and started bullying him in most undesirable language. Nehru told him that the people of his type were sentimental on Netaji and asked him to quit his office immediately and should never show his face again to him. He was almost kicked out. Dr. Sinha told that he handed over his resignation letter as knowing Nehru's mannerism, he was keeping this ready in his pocket.
6. Against my query, as to why did he not make a hue and cry on this, writing to the President of India and all other leaders and publishing this in all newspapers to make the people aware of the treatment being given to Netaji, their most beloved leader, by The Govt. of India. Dr. Sinha told me that it would have been just silly on his part. Political foresight required that he should keep mum so that Netaji's end was not hastened and that he and others could secretly continue with further probing to know the exact place of Netaji's confinement in USSR.
7. Dr. Sinha said that he returned to USA saddened and depressed and rejoined his assignment at Clyde Valley. He did visit Moscow 3-4 times afterwards but failed to break the iron curtain. He was becoming a persona-non-grata for the Indian Officials there. So he became helpless.
8. Narrating further, Dr. Sinha asked me whether I was aware of USSR President Brezenov's and Nikita Krustcheiv's visit to India in mid fifties. Confirming this I said that I was aware and particularly the ovation they got at Calcutta. Dr. Sinha brought out one Album and asked me whether I could locate him in those photos. I found that in all the photos, Dr. Sinha was standing with officials at the back. Sinha told me that before their visit, the same Nehru, loosing all his shame one fine morning, again gave him a ring in U.S.A. and asked whether he would do a personal favour to him and come to Delhi immediately. As in the past, Nehru's request was taken by him simply as an order, although he had no more soft corner left for him in his heart after he had been hurt by him so brutally earlier.
9. Sinha told that he rushed back to India and called on Nehru. Nehru was grim faced and appeared to be repenting on his past outbursts and behaviour. Sinha also told that he was equally quiet and except asking

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about his welfare, he waited for Nehru to break the silence. Pt. Nehru told Sinha that he must be aware of Russian leader's imminent visit to India. Could he work as an interpreter as he was not only highly proficient in Russian language but also had full grasp of the Indian political scenario. Dr. Sinha told me that he was just waiting for such an opportunity which he could utilise for his final probing on Netaji. He readily agreed to the offer and took up the assignment right earnestly.

10. Speaking further, Sinha told that Russian leader's visits were so planned split second by split second that he was not getting an exclusive opportunity to ask Nikita Krustchev who was very outspoken and seemed to be more open, about Netaji's whereabouts. Their visit to Delhi was also coming to an end and so he was getting restless to ask. Meanwhile Nehru had conveyed to Sinha that the Russian leaders were extremely appreciative of his proficiency in Russian Language. Sinha told that it was the last day of the Soviet Leaders stay in Delhi. In the evening, they were visiting Red Fort to accept a Mayorial Civic Reception. He was accompanying them and again showed me the snap taken there. When they were walking inside the Redfort to reach Dewane Khas, he paced up to reach near Krustchev some how to draw his attention. It just happened that at one stage, Krustchev was walking with his guards little faster, about two feet ahead of Brezhnev. Sinha almost reached by the side of Krustchev when he smiled and spoke to him in Russian language congratulating on his job done well. The guards also gave a little space to him watching Krustchev was talking to him in their language. Sinha further told that he mustered courage and almost in whispering voice he asked Krustchev where was Netaji Bose. Krustchev bluntly replied in Russian that ask your Nehru and Netaji would be at the Redfort within 24 hours.
11. Sinha told me that the day Russian leaders left Delhi and without loosing any time, he called on Nehru and narrated what Krustchev had told him about Netaji. Pt. Nehru lost temper and cool and rebuked him in merciless language that what audacity had he to talk to Krustchev and that too ask about Netaji. He shouted at him to leave his place. Sinha further told that he started weeping, uttering loudly that he knew about Netaji that Netaji was alive. Why was he not bringing him back to India? To avoid many people knowing what was transpiring there, Pt. Nehru left the room in huff and hurriedly. While narrating the above, tears rolled out of Sinha's eyes. He was so much depressed that he stood up and took up his briefcase and the cloth bag he was carrying for leaving my office without a single word about his C.G. application.
12. Bidding his goodbye and with similar depression in my heart, I enquired whether Netaji was still alive He replied that perhaps "No" and his guess was that 4-6 months prior to Nehru's death, Netaji's end came. Within 2 months or so of my above meeting with Dr. Sinha, I had to go abroad on a

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foreign assignment. The last copy of his book Operation Himalayas still remains with me.

I wonder whether the above could be of any value to the Commission. However, some leads about further probing as I perceive :

- a) Authenticity and credibility of Dr. Sinha. I am enclosing the cover pages of ~~the~~ his book on Operation Himalayas which gives the publisher's name. One can contact the publisher, find his address in Bihar and about his whereabouts. I have no knowledge. But at least his family members would be able to help you. Who knows that Dr. Sinha's personal files including that on Netaji including a copy of that coded message, if left with his family members, could be found in those papers.
- b) The Ministry of External Affairs could be contacted to know about his posting in Europe whether genuine or not. If genuine, study of all the files he constructed there during the period he stayed in Europe, will help the Commission.
- c) All photo snaps taken during Krustchev and Brezenov visit to Delhi;
- d) All the German Encyclopaedia on Science or the likes published before the took up the assignment in Europe.
- e) The copy of coded message which he handed over to Pt. Nehru - Nehru must not have destroyed it and must be in some of his personal files kept in National Archives.
- f) Study of USSR - USA - England's secret files about 6-8 months before Nehru's death - USSR must have also informed their allies of Netaji's death as the arrangement was to keep it as a mystery.
- g) Some of the senior officials as well as officials like personal stenographers who worked with Nehru during those crucial years, ofcourse if they are alive, could be of help. Similarly the USSR officials who had posting in Siberia during those crucial years, provided they are alive and there were means to contact them through some agency.

With regards

Shri Prodyot Sen Gupta
~~Member~~ Secretary
Netaji Enquiry Committee
Delhi

Yours sincerely,
Prem Das Mukherji
(Prem Das Mukherji)

Encl. : Cover Pages of The Book
Operation Himalayas



Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated March 31, 2002

Dear Shri:

My dear Sir,

Kindly refer to Mission's letter No. NY/PM/443/8/98 dated 7th April 1999 regarding the possibility of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose's name appearing in the list of War Criminals maintained at UN archives. A list of records examined was also enclosed.

You are kindly requested to intimate whether the lists mentioned are exhaustive and whether Netaji's name ^{was} ever included in any of the lists of War Criminals and if so, when and under what circumstances the said name was deleted from such list/lists. This information is to be provided to the Justice Mukerjee Commission of Inquiry at the earliest.

best wishes

Yours sincerely,

(Jayant Prasad)

Shri A. Gopinathan,
Deputy Permanent Representative,
Permanent Mission of India,
New York.

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D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated March 21, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

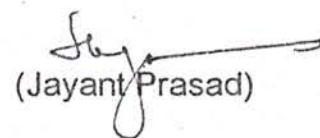
S.No 97/c

Kindly refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/600 dated 14th March 2002, regarding examination of witnesses in Taiwan.

S.No. 85/c

As intimated earlier vide letter of even number dated 21st February 2002, it has not been possible to locate and contact the concerned persons in the absence of any details apart from their names.

Yours sincerely,


(Jayant Prasad)

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To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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Jayant Prasad,
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D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII


Dated March 31, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Kindly refer to your letter No. Records/2000-01/37(II)/529 dated 28th January 2002, on the subject "Netaji Subhas Bose- Bringing in the ashes of" and to procure an authentic true copy of report of the "American Intelligence party" from the Prime Minister's Office.

A copy of Prime Minister's Office u.o. note no.PMO ID No.915/11/C/5/2001-Pol dated 7.3.2002 is enclosed herewith for information.

Yours sincerely,


(Jayant Prasad)

To

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Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated March 3, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

S.No. 95/c

Kindly refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/559 dated 18th Feb., 2002, regarding examination of the list of UN War Criminals. The reply to your queries is as under:

- (a) The following records were examined:
1. Consolidated Wanted List, Part 2
A - Z Non-Germans only - March 1947
A - Z Non-Germans only - December 1947
 2. Supplementary Wanted List, No.1
Part 2 - Non-Germans - June 1947
 3. Supplementary Wanted List, No.2
Part 2 - Non-Germans - September 1947
- (b) The records are in custody of UN Archives, New York.
- (c) We have asked our Mission in New York to provide us information on whether the above lists are exhaustive and whether Netaji's name ^{was} ever included in any of the lists of War Criminals and if so, when and under what circumstances the said name was deleted from such list/lists. We shall revert to you as soon as the Mission's response is received by us.

Yours sincerely,

(Jayant Prasad)

To

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/ 612. Kolkata, dated, 14th March '2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated February 21, 2002 of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission and to request you to send immediately an affidavit duly sworn by an Officer, not below the rank of Joint Secretary, of the Ministry, in support of what has been stated in the aforesaid d.o. letter of the Director (CNV) with a further averment that no further document relating to the points of inquiry of the Commission, save and except the record of the interview of Shri K.P.S. Menon with Stalin as referred to in the said d.o. letter of the Director (CNV), is available in the possession and/or under the control of the Ministry of External Affairs.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMC/ Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/ Kolkata, dated, March 14, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-
Vol.VIII/ dated February 21, 2002 of the Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India,
addressed to the Secretary of the Commission regarding
the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan to examine
witnesses there and to request you to expedite the matter
so that the Commission can visit Japan as early as possible
to examine all the relevant witnesses available there and
inspect the places relevant to the points of the inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Please put up the Mukherjee
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No. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/600 Kolkata, dated, March 14, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the d.o. letter No.25/4/
NGO-Vol.VII dated February 21, 2002 of the Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed
to the Secretary of the Commission regarding examination of
witnesses in Taiwan and to state that particulars of witnesses
in Taiwan as were available in the book titled, "Netaji Mystery"
authored by Dr. Satya Narayan Sinha were furnished in the
enclosures, to Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/
2000-01/70/30 dated April 19, 2001 and the full names of the
witnesses examined in Taipah as are available in the Appendix-I
to the report of the Khosla Commission have been furnished
in the enclosures to Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas-
Witnesses/2000-01/70/492 dated January 3, 2002.

I am further directed to state that the Commission does
not possess any further details of the witnesses in Taiwan and to
request you to explore all resources at the disposal of the
Ministry of External Affairs to get the addresses and further
details of the witnesses so that the Commission may finalise its
programme of its visit to Taiwan for examination of witnesses
there and also inspection of relevant places there as quickly
as possible.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol,II)/560. Kolkata, dated, 19th February '02.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Ref: D.O. No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 04.02.2002
of the Director(CNV) addressed to the
Secretary of the Commission.

S i r,

I am directed to request you again to help the
Commission obtain the particulars, as asked for in the
last para of the Commission's letter no. JMCI/Doc(For)/
99-2000/56/49 dated 27.04.2001.

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Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
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No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/559. Kolkata, dated, 18th February' 2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to D.O. No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated December 18, 2001 of the Director, (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission and to request you to kindly send a report to this Commission as quickly as possible on the following points :-

- (a) What are the records of the U.N.O. examined and whether those are exhaustive on the subject of War Criminals of the Second World War ?
- ✓ (b) Who are the present custodians of those records examined ? and
- (c) Whether the name of Subhas Chandra Bose was ever included in any of the lists of War Criminals and, if so, when and under what circumstances the said name was deleted from such list/lists.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta.)
Secretary

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Fax Message

To	Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi	From	Thanglura Darlong, Head of Chancery
For	Smt. Narinder Chauhan, Director[CHV]		
Rptd.		Date	March 13, 2002

Please refer to your D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 21.2.2002 regarding proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

As regards your comment at Sl. No. (c), the estimated cost for hiring charges for a car for 30 days is Yen 2,000,000.

with warm regards

(Thanglura Darlong)
Head of Chancery

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No. JMCI/MEETING-HEARING/99-2000/57(II)/570(70))

Kolkata, dated, March 01, 2002

Under Certificate of Posting

From :

Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)

Officer on Special Duty

To

Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV)

Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India

South Block

New Delhi 110 001

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next sitting of the Commission will be held on 21.03.2002 starting at 11.00 O'clock at the seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, 166, Chittaranjan Avenue, Kolkata-700007, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine the following witnesses :-

Witnesses summoned for 21.03.2002

1. Shri Subrata Bose, one of the deponents of Affidavit no. JMCI/27/2000
2. Smt. Chitra Ghosh, one of the deponents of Affidavit no. JMCI/27/2000
3. Shri Supriyo Bose, one of the deponents of Affidavit no. JMCI/27/2000
4. Smt. Bithi Chatterjee, c/o Shri Raj Chatterjee,
2B/4A, Ronaldsay Road, New Alipore, Kolkata-700027.
5. Dr. Susanta Kr. Mitra, Deponent of Affidavit no. JMCI/37/2000.
6. Shri Satyabrata Tapadar, one of the deponents of Affidavit no. JMCI/3/2000.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(II)/570/1(2)

Kolkata, dated, March 01, 2002

Copy forwarded to :

1. Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Learned Senior Counsel, Government of India,
33, Asoke Avenue, Kolkata 700 040;
2. Ms. Abha (Datta) Roy, Learned Counsel for the Govt. of West Bengal;
F-4, Cluster XI, Purbachal Housing, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700091

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Ministry of External Affairs may please find enclosed a copy of letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/305 dated the 18th September, 2001 received from OSD, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, regarding disappearance/death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. In para 2 of the said letter, a reference has been made to this Ministry's letter dated March 12, 1999 regarding inclusion of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as a war criminal. Copy of the said letter is enclosed for ready reference. As desired by the Commission, it is requested that an authenticated xerox copy of the information furnished by the Govt. of United Kingdom on the aspect of inclusion or otherwise of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the list of war criminals drawn up by them may be provided to this Ministry expeditiously.

Prashant

(V.P. BHATIA)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA.

Ministry of External Affairs (Smt. Bhaswati Mukherjee, Joint Secretary (EW), South Block, New Delhi.

MHA U.O.No. I/12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) dated 27.02.2002.

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No. J.M.C.I./ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/305 Calcutta, dated, the 18th September '01

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

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To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. DY.2198 by Shri K.R. Malkani, M.P. due for answer on 06.03.1996 regarding disappearance/death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as mentioned at n.s. page 1 of P.M.O.'s file No.915/11/C/6/96-Pol. (copy enclosed) and also to refer to the letter dated November 20, 1996 of Shri Ramkrishna Hegde addressed to the then President of India containing, inter alia, the suggestions to solve the mystery of disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, appearing at cor. pages 49 to 60 of the aforesaid file of the P.M.O. (copies enclosed) and to request you to let the Commission know immediately what action was taken on the said Rajya Sabha Starred Question as also on the said letter of Shri Hegde indicating the results of the said actions.

I am further directed to refer to the letter dated March 12, 1999 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India appearing at Cor/page 196 of the aforesaid file of the P.M.O. (copy enclosed) and to request you to send to the Commission, within six weeks from the date of receipt of the letter, an authenticated XEROX copy of the information furnished by the Govt. of the United Kingdom as stated in the said letter dated March 12, 1999.

Enclosures & Fourteen pages
as stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy.)
Officer on Special Duty

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
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New Delhi, dated the 12th March, 1999.

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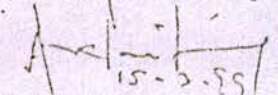
Shri D.C.Mohanty,
Senior Central Govt. Standing Counsel,
Orissa High Court,
Jhanjirimangala,
CUTTACK.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter dated 27.10.98 addressed to the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister regarding Writ Application O.J.C. No. 14400/98 filed by one Dr. S.S.Mohapatra in the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa.

2. Having regard to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court we would like to mention that as per information furnished by the Government of United Kingdom, the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was not included in any list of war criminals drawn up by them. You may kindly apprise this position to the Hon'ble Orissa High Court.

Yours sincerely,


(A.K.Paltandy)
Director (IS.I)

✓ Copy to Smt. Rashmi Verma, Director, Prime Minister's Office with reference to PMO U.O.No.915/11/C/6/98-Pol dated 16.11.98.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Subject: Letter from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI).

Reference is invited to MEA u.o. note No. 25/4/NGO.Vol.VII dated 21.2.2002 on the subject noted above.

2. The contents of JMCI's letter dated 28.1.2002 has been examined but the documents requisitioned by the Commission viz "The authenticated true copy of the report of the American Intelligence Party" of which mention has been made in the letter dated 4th May, 1990 addressed to the then PM, is not available with this office.

3. It is requested that JMCI may kindly be informed of the position suitably.

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[Alok Mukhopadhyay]
Under Secretary (Pol)

Director (CNV), MEA

PMO ID No. 915/11/C/5/2001-Pol

dated: 7.3.2002

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

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Dated March 1, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is in continuation of my letter of even number dated 21st February, 2002 on the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan.

We have now received information from the Japanese Foreign Office that most of the witnesses whom the Commission wishes to depose before it have passed away. Moreover, the surviving persons are reluctant to depose before the Commission. In this background, the Japanese Foreign Office have advised that an informal interaction of the Commission with the surviving witnesses could be arranged instead of the formal depositions sought by the Commission.

We would, therefore, request the Commission to send their views on the observations of the Japanese Foreign Office.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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For	Smt. Narinder Chauhan Director(CNV)	From	Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission
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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry

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This is in continuation of correspondence resting with our faxes of even number dated February 6 and February 8, 2002 on the above subject.

The South West Asia Division of the Japanese Foreign Office which deals with India have conveyed to us that most of the witnesses that the Hon'ble Commission wishes to depose before it have passed away. The surviving persons are reluctant to depose before the Commission. They have advised that an informal interaction of the Hon'ble Commission with the surviving witnesses could be arranged at a place like the Renkoji Temple where the alleged ashes of the Netaji are kept. This would be an alternative to the individual testimonies sought by the Hon'ble Commission. With regard to the Hon'ble Commission's request for access to documents of the Japanese Government, the South West Asia Division conveyed that all relevant documents had already been placed before earlier commissions and they were not in possession of any new documents on the subject.

In view of what has been conveyed above by the Japanese Foreign Office, the Embassy would request the instructions of the Hon'ble Commission on how we should respond to the observations of the local Foreign Office.

We also await responses to the queries raised by us in our earlier communications of February 6 and 8, 2002.

With kind regards.

(Biren Nanda)

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BY SPEED POST

No. JMCI/ JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/ Calcutta, dated, the February 21, 2002
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To
Smt. Narinder Chauhan
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India, South Block
New Delhi-110 001.

Sub: Proposed visit of the Commission
to Japan and Taiwan.

Ref: Your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII
dt. December 3, 2001 and d.o. letter
no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dt. January 24,
2002.

Madam,

Please refer to your d.o. letter dated December 3, 2001 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan. Till now the information asked for in respect of Taiwan has not yet been received. I would, therefore, request you to kindly look into the matter and see that the requisite confirmation/information is received by the Commission as early as possible so that the Commission may draw up its programme for visit to Japan and Taiwan and communicate the same to all concerned.

I would again request you to refer to your d.o. letter dated January 24, 2002 addressed to Sri Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Tokyo with a copy endorsed to the undersigned with reference to the Commission's letter no. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/492 dt. 3.1.2002. The information mentioned in your above-quoted d.o. letter dt. 24.1.02 and the requisite details of the witnesses have not yet been received. In fact, there has not been any further development in the matter since after you had written the said d.o. letter. I am to request you to kindly look into the matter and ensure that the assent of the local foreign office and the requisite details of the witnesses are received by the Commission as expeditiously as possible to enable the Commission to draw up its programme of visit to Japan and Taiwan and communicate the same to all all concerned.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,
P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated February 25, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48(Vol.III)/514(7) dated 16.1.2002 forwarding therewith copy of the proceedings dated 19.12.2001 and 20.12.2001 of the Commission.

As allowed by the Commission, a supplementary affidavit on behalf of this Ministry detailing the developments that have taken place since the filing of the affidavit dated 14.12.2001 by this Ministry is forwarded herewith.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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Copy to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Standing Counsel to the Govt. of India in
Justice Mukherjee Commission, Room No.5, High Court, Kolkata.

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I, Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

2. That with reference to the affidavit submitted by me to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on the 19th December, 2001, I would like to state further that a thorough and exhaustive search was carried out once again in all the concerned Divisions in this Ministry but no further records could be found on the following:

(a) proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee or the exhibits/records/documents filed before it.

(b) Exhibit 29-I which was alleged to have been filed before the Khosla Commission by this Ministry.

3. That there is no other document in this Ministry, whether classified or unclassified, relating to the terms of reference of the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

4. That the position regarding the availability of documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the UK and USA is as follows:

(a) UK : The Foreign and Commonwealth Office in the UK have forwarded their reply relating to the classified documents in the possession of security and intelligence agencies in the UK. A copy of the reply has been forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission vide this Ministry's letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated February 4, 2002.



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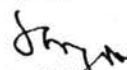


(b) USA : Our Mission in Washington has informed us that all documents once declassified are no longer retained by the US Government and are normally stored in the National Archives, Library of Congress or other similar documentation centers. As regards classified documents, these can be requisitioned under the US Freedom of Information Act only by giving specific details of the documents. The Mission has further conveyed that this is a tardy and complicated process.


(Jayant Prasad)
DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

Verified at New Delhi on this 22nd day of February, 2002, that the contents of the above affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge derived from official records.


(Jayant Prasad)
DEPONENT



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MOST IMMEDIATE

No. 25/4/NGO – VII(Part)
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged
disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

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The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked us to check
the credentials of Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha who is said to have been a
diplomat in our Missions/Posts in Switzerland, Berlin, Vienna and Prague after
Independence. Under Secretary(FSP) is requested to check from the records
in PAI/PAII Sections and let us know urgently whether any details are
available on Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha's postings abroad.

N. Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)
Director (CNV)
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US(FSP) Pl. urgently check.

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Reference above note.

An exhaustive exercise has been initiated
to ascertain from our 'History of Services' editions for
the period since Independence to determine whether
Dr. Sinha was indeed a diplomat in our Missions/Posts
abroad.

The exercise undertaken is likely to take
some time.

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NEW DELHI

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated February 21, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This has reference to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/492 dated 3.1.2002 regarding witnesses in Taiwan.

We had made all efforts to trace the whereabouts of the individuals whose names were furnished in the enclosure to your aforesaid letter. However, in the absence of any details about the concerned persons, like address/organisation they were working for in 1973, it has not been possible to make a headway in the case.

I would, therefore, request you to send us the requisite details to enable us trace the whereabouts of the individuals.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

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Copy for information to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Counsel to the Govt. of India in the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

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NGO Section

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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

This has reference to letter No. Records/2000-01/37(II)/529 dated 28.1.2002 from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (copy enclosed) on a matter relating to the Prime Minister's Office. The letter seems to have been inadvertently marked to this Ministry. PMO may, therefore, like to reply to the Commission directly in the matter.

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N. Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)
Director(CNV)

Shri Alo'k Mukhopadhyay, Under Secretary(Pol), PMO
MEA U.O. No. 25/4/NGO.VoIVII dated 21.2.2002

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated February 21, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

SN. 71/c

This has reference to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/537 dated 29.1.2002 regarding the averments and allegations made in affidavits of different deponents.

In this connection, I would like to draw your kind attention to my D.O. of even number dated 4th January, 2002. Following a scrutiny of records mentioned in the enclosures to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Followup)/2000-2001/67/132 dated 30.5.2001, it was found that only one document – a record of the interview of the then Ambassador to USSR, Shri K.P.S. Menon, with Stalin – pertained to this Ministry. As you are aware, the contents of this document in original have since been shared with the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission. It is, therefore, presumed that we are not required to file an affidavit in this case. You may please confirm this.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VII

Dated February 21, 2002

Dear Sh. Nanda,

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Please refer to your fax messages of 6th and 8th February, 2002 regarding the proposed visit to Japan of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

As regards the cost estimates given by you, we have the following comments to offer.

- a)The Commission had informed us that the duration of their proposed visit would be two to three weeks depending on the number of witnesses. We would, therefore, have to await the response from the witnesses to arrive at a realistic estimate of the costs.
- b)The hiring of photocopiers and also of PCs could be avoided since we have not received any specific request for these items from the Commission.
- c)There seems to be an error in the estimate of hiring charges for a car since this is shown as Yen 2,000,000 per day as against Yen 85,000 per day for a mini van.

As desired by you, we have requested the Commission to await more positive responses from the witnesses before deciding on the dated of their visit.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt.Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Biren Nanda,
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
Tokyo

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated February 21, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan to examine witnesses.

Our Mission in Tokyo has informed that till date only one witness has conveyed his willingness to depose. The Mission has once again sent letters to all the other witnesses seeking their consent to depose before the Commission.

The Mission has also suggested that the Commission bring along two Stenographers and two typewriters as they are difficult to get on hire basis.

In conclusion, we would suggest that the Commission awaits a positive response from more witnesses before the visit and its modalities could be finalised.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Narinder Chauhan

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated February 21, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Smt. 66/c

This has reference to para 16 of the proceedings of the Commission held on 20th December, 2001 in New Delhi.

As regards the records of the UN War Crimes Commission, our Mission in New York had made a formal request to the UN Secretariat for access to the archives of the Commission. Following receipt of permission of the UN Secretariat for examination of the relevant records, an officer of the rank of First Secretary in our Mission personally visited the UN Archives and studied the records, the result of which was communicated to the Commission vide this Ministry's letter No.UII/103/1/98 dated 15.10.2001. A copy of the note recorded by the officer following his examination of the records is enclosed for your information and record.

We are also enclosing herewith authenticated true copies of documents based on which our Mission in Tokyo had sent the confirmation that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's name did not figure in any list of war criminals.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

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Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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Encls: as above

Copy for information to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Counsel to the Govt. of India in the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

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No. 25/4/NGO – VII(Part)
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged
disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

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The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked us to check the credentials of Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha who is said to have been a diplomat in our Missions/Posts in Switzerland, Berlin, Vienna and Prague after Independence. Under Secretary(FSP) is requested to check from the records in PAI/PAII Sections and let us know urgently whether any details are available on Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha's postings abroad.

N. Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)
Director (CNV)
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For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
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D.O. No. JMCI/Affidavits/Averments (Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/550

February 11, 2002

Dear Smt. Chauhan,

Smt. 62/c

Please refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated February 4, 2002 regarding the record of the interview of the then Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Shri K. P. S. Menon, with Stalin, held on February 17, 1953. I am to inform you that the enclosed sealed cover was opened and perused by the Hon'ble Chairman personally and thereafter it was put in a envelop and sealed in the presence of the Chairman himself.

As requested by you in the above-quoted d.o.. letter, I am returning the said document in a sealed cover receipt of which may kindly be acknowledged.

Encl : as above.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Smt. Narinder Chauhan
Director (CNV)
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For	Smt. Narinder Chauhan Director(CNV)	From	Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission
Rptd	Shri Vijay Gokhale, Director(EA)	Date	February 8, 2002
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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry

This refers to your DO No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated January 24, 2002. Your DO crossed our fax of February 6, 2002 which you must have received and would have addressed some of the issues referred to in your DO. Briefly, the position on various critical issues is as follows:

1. The Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to which we had sent a formal communication in September 2001 requesting permission to hold hearings of the Hon'ble Commission in Tokyo have orally responded on February 1 to the Embassy that it would be very difficult and complicated for them to permit in writing the judicial proceedings of a foreign Commission on Japanese soil. The Japanese Foreign Office however suggested that we merely inform them about the visit of the Hon'ble Commission to Japan and they would not have any objection to the related Japanese individuals witnesses deposing before the Commission in Tokyo of their own volition.
2. The Japanese Foreign Office has requested for copies of the reports of two earlier commissions on the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945. These may kindly be sent to the Embassy urgently because it appears that the Foreign Office will extend cooperation only after study of the earlier reports.
3. In our original communication to the Foreign Office, we had requested the Japanese Government to "extend all help and facilities

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about the various
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to enable the Commission to record evidence of witnesses" and "to make available to the Commission all records and documents both open and classified relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" in the possession or control of the Japanese Government. We have had no assurance from the Japanese Foreign Office on the latter issue at all to date.

4. Letters were sent in the month of October 2001 to the list of witnesses that are to depose before the Hon'ble Commission during its visit to Tokyo. To date only one witness has conveyed his willingness to depose. We have confirmation that one witness on the list has passed away and 12 letters have been returned undelivered. The Foreign Office has not so far helped us trace the witnesses but have only agreed to examine the issue. We have once again sent registered letters to all the witnesses save the one who has passed away seeking their consent to depose before the Hon'ble Commission.
5. The Embassy had been instructed to issue a notice in local newspapers for witnesses to appear before the Hon'ble Commission, once the dates had been firmed up. We would be grateful if a draft notice could be faxed to us.

Conclusion

While it has been indicated to us that the Hon'ble Commission will visit Tokyo in second half of March 2002, the precise dates have not been indicated. We would like to submit that we may await a positive response from more witnesses and a more positive and detailed commitment from the Japanese Foreign Office on assistance to the Hon'ble Commission before firming up dates for the visit.

With a view to putting more pressure on the Japanese authorities, it may be appropriate to approach the Japanese Ambassador in New Delhi through the East Asia Division as the Japanese Embassy would be more sensitive and aware of the importance attached to the subject of the enquiry of the Hon'ble Commission than the Foreign Office in Tokyo.

With kind regards


(Biren Nanda)

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28th January 2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of a letter dated May 4, 1990 of Sarbashree Ashoke Nath Bose, Amiya Nath Bose and Subrata Bose, addressed to Sri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India which appears at correspondence pages 3 to 5 of file No. 800/6/C/1/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's office on the subject "Netaji Subhas Bose- Bringing in the ashes of " received from you and to request you to kindly procure and furnish this Commission as quickly as possible with an authenticated true copy of the report of the American Intelligence party, as referred to in the said letter dated May 4, 1990, which allegedly went to Taihoku airport from Mc. Arthur's headquarters to make enquiries about the alleged aircrash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

PS
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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The reference is to a file in PMO. If this letter is a copy of letter to PMO, then there will be no action on our part. We may check this with the concerned officer in PMO.

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council.

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

This has reference to your message of February 07, 2002 addressed to DG to find out whereabouts of twelve individuals who were earlier examined by the Justice Khosla Commission in Taipei in 1973.

We may not be able to contact any of the listed individuals if only names are known to us. It will be more helpful us if details about them, such as, address / contact details / organisation they were working for in 1973 as well are known to us (excerpts from the Justice Khosla Commission report of 1973?)

Mr. Rama Swaroop may be present in Delhi.

It is, therefore requested that some more details of other individuals in the list sent by you may be provided enabling us to enquire locally about their whereabouts.

Regards,

Date: 7.2.2002

(S K Verma)

Deputy Director General

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Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has sent us a new list of witnesses who had been examined by the Justice Khosla Commission in Taipei in 1973 with the request that whereabouts of these witnesses may be obtained to enable the Commission examine them.

EA Division may please take appropriate action in the matter.

N. Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)
Director(CNV)
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187.	Shri Shyamal Chattopadhyay (Dr.)	6-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4272-4297
188.	Shri Brajagopal Mukherjee	6-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4288-4290
189.	Shri Sangaika of Aizwal	7-12-72	Silchar	XV	4291-4307
190.	Shri Chandra Singh Rawat, M.L.A.	19-12-72	New Delhi	XV	4389-4414
191.	Air Vice Marshal D.A.R. Nanda	20-12-72	New Delhi	XV	4415-4418
192.	Shri Niranjan Singh Talib	20-12-72	New Delhi	XV	4419-4461
193.	Shri Chandra Pardasani	20-12-72	New Delhi	XV	4462-4463
194.	Shri Muharak Mazdoor	9-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4495-4517
195.	Shri Pradeep Bose	9-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4518-4549
196.	Shrimati Malabika Dutta	10-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4550-4557
197.	Shri Amar Majumdar	10-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4560-4572
198.	Shri Nikunja Bihari Haoldai	11-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4574-4578
199.	Major S. C. Kar	11-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4579-4585
200.	Shri M. Maninder Singh	13-4-73	Moirang (Imphal)	XVI	4586-4589
201.	Shri H. Nilamani Singh	13-4-73	do	XVI	4590
202.	Shri Mawu Angami	15-4-73	Nowgang	XVI	4591-4602
203.	Mr. Lai Min Yee	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4603-4610
204.	Mr. Tao Yung	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4611
205.	Mr. Lin Chun Chan	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4612-4617
206.	Mr. Lu Kuo Hwa	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4618-4620
207.	Mr. Chang Chuen	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4621-4636
208.	Mr. Lin Chuan	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4637-4643
209.	Mr. Kao Yun Tsung	14-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4644-4649
210.	Mr. Way Yun Peng	14-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4650-4651
211.	Mr. Lin Chin Yen	16-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4652-4653
212.	Mr. Rama Swaroop	17-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4656-4661
213.	Mr. Y. R. Tseng	17-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4662-4663
214.	Pritam Singh	17-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4666-4671
215.	Pt. Lt. R. Kannan	10-9-73	New Delhi	XVIII	4720-4721
216.	Shri Har Prasad Rai	10-9-73	New Delhi	XVIII	4722-4725
217.	Shri N. K. Gulati	17-9-73	New Delhi	XVIII	4800-4801
218.	Shri D. N. Sharma	17-9-73	New Delhi	XVIII	4802-4803
219.	Shri Prem Bhatia	17-9-73	New Delhi	XVIII	4805-4807
220.	General Wadalia (Varinder Singh)	8-10-73	New Delhi	XVIII	4931-4934
221.	Shri V. P. Nanda	11-10-73	New Delhi	XVIII	4958-4960
222.	Shri Asok Gupta	18-10-73	New Delhi	XVIII	5004-5005
223.	Dr. Lokesh Chandra	19-10-73	New Delhi	XVIII	5013-5029
224.	Shri Vira Dhammayara	30-10-73	New Delhi	XVIII	5055-5059

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Fax Message

Date: February 7, 2002


From : ITA Council

To : India Taipei Association
Taipei (Fax No. 00-8862- 275 761 17)

Shri Ranjit Gupta Director General from Vijay Gokhale

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has sent a new list of witnesses who had been examined by the Justice Khosla Commission in Taipei in 1973, with the request that the whereabouts of these witnesses may be obtained to enable the Commission to examine them:

1. Mr. Lai Min Yee
 2. Mr. Tao Yung
 3. Mr. Lin Chun Chan
 4. Mr. Lu Kuo Hwa
 5. Mr. Chang Chuen
 6. Mr. Lin Chuan
 7. Mr. Kao Yun Tsung
 8. Mr. Way Yun Peng
 9. Mr. Lin Chin Yen
 10. Mr. Rama Swaroop
 11. Mr. Y.Y. Tseng
 12. Mr. Pritam Singh
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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Kolkata, dated. 28th January '2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of a letter dated May 4, 1990 of Sarbashree Ashoke Nath Bose, Amiya Nath Bose and Subrata Bose, addressed to Sri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India which appears at correspondence pages 3 to 5 of file No. 800/6/C/1/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's office on the subject "Netaji Subhas Bose- Bringing in the ashes of " and to request you to kindly procure and furnish this Commission as quickly as possible with an authenticated true copy of the report of the American Intelligence party, as referred to in the said letter dated May 4, 1990, which allegedly went to Taihoku airport from Mc. Arthur's headquarters to make enquiries about the alleged aircrash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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May 4, 1990

To
Sri Viswanath Pratap Singh
Prime Minister of India
5 Race Course Road
New Delhi 110001

Dear Prime Minister,

Recently a report appeared in a Calcutta paper that certain persons are attempting to bring the 'ashes' now lying in the Rankoji Temple in Tokyo to India and foist them on the Indian people as the 'ashes' of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In this connection, we consider it our duty to place before you and the Government of India the views of Mahatma Gandhi and our father Sarat Chandra Bose on this matter.

In October 1945 Mr. Alfred Wagg, was-correspondent of the Chicago Tribune visited our father Sarat Chandra Bose at our Calcutta Woodburn Park residence. Mr. Wagg accompanied the American Intelligence Party, which went to Taihoku Airport from General MacArthur's Headquarters to make enquires about the alleged Air Crash, in which according to Japanese news agency report Netaji met with a fatal accident. Mr. Wagg inspected the Taihoku Airport alongwith three photographs of a damaged plane supplied to American Intelligence Party by the Japanese. Mr. Wagg informed our father that those photographs were not and could not have been taken at the Taihoku Airport. Mr. Wagg informed our father that the photographs supplied by the Japanese were fake photos.

Dr. Radhabinode Pal became a member of the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal, which tried General Tojo and others. The American Judge in the Tribunal ^{who} showed Dr. Pal the report of the American intelligence Party ^{which} came to the definite conclusion that there was no

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...ence that Netaji died in Taihoku as a result of an air crash. Dr. Pal informed our father as well as issued a public statement recording this fact. No photograph of Netaji's dead body has been produced by the Japanese.

In August 1946, General Zaman Kiani, Col. Habibur Rahman and Col. Gulzara Singh, all top ranking officers of the INA, spent a fortnight at our Woodburn Park residence. Col. Habibur Rahman accompanied Netaji in the same plane from Saigon. Our father Sarat Chandra Bose questioned Col. Habibur Rahman in detail and rejected his version of the alleged air crash and Netaji's death. Sarat Chandra Bose issued public statements and made a number of speeches in public meetings stating that Netaji did not die in any air crash at Taihoku Airport.

A burnt wrist watch was delivered to father by Col. Habibur Rahman. According to Col. Habibur Rahman Netaji was wearing this wrist watch at the time of the alleged air crash. General Zaman Kiani senior-most General of INA informed our father that Netaji never used such a watch during his entire stay in East Asia. In fact, General Kiani informed our father that a dozen of similar watches were being used by different INA Officers.

During the life-time of our youngest ~~uncle~~ uncle late Sailen Chandra Bose a statement signed by him and all the sons of every-one of Netaji's brothers were issued to the press at Calcutta stating that the 'ashes' at Renkoji Temple were not the 'ashes' of Netaji.

4/ Mahatma Gandhi granted an interview to Col. Habibur Rahman in 1945 and after speaking to him in detail, issued a press statement that Netaji did not die in any air crash.

The Government of India appointed two Commissions of Enquiry to Enquire into this matter. The Janata Government rejected the findings of both the Commissions. The Government of India has

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inally decided that the story of Netaji's death in an air crash cannot be accepted as conclusive.

We are firmly of the view that to bring the 'ashes' now lying in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo to India as 'ashes' of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will be an act of sacrilege, which should not be allowed by the people and Government of India.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Asit K. Bose

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Kolkata, dated, 29th January'2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the affidavit dated December 14, 2001 of Shri Jayant Prosad, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, filed before the Commission on December 20, 2001 and to request you to let the Commission know as quickly as possible whether any positive response of the Government of the U.K. and of the Government of the U.S.A. have since been received through the Indian High Commission and the Indian Embassy respectively in the matter of making available to the Commission all the relevant records on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lying in the custody and/or under the control of the said foreign Governments.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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The Commission has been updated with the latest position/information in the matter. vide S.No. 64 & 65/c.

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Kolkata, dated. 29th January'2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

- To : 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 2) The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 3) The Secretary,
Ministry of Defence,
Government of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 4) The Director,
Intelligence Bureau,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 5) Director General of National Archives,
Government of India,
Ministry of Human Resource Development,
Janpath, New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to state that the affidavit dated December 19, 2001 of Smt. Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS-I), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, filed before this Commission on December 20, 2001, states inter alia :

"The averments and allegations made therein (i.e. in the affidavits and supplementary affidavits concerned) are matters of records and subject to the consideration by the Hon'ble Commission. Some of the records available with this Ministry have been made over to the Hon'ble Commission and some others have been discovered with this affidavit

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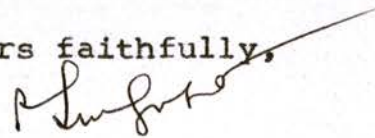
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(i.e. her affidavit dated December 19, 2001) for consideration by the Hon'ble Commission." and that she has further stated therein that the Ministry of Home Affairs "has also taken up the matter with Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Intelligence Bureau, National Archives of India, and Prime Minister's Office, to go through the documents and if necessary submit an affidavit to the Commission directly."

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly send your affidavit immediately regarding the averments and allegations made in the relevant affidavits and supplementary affidavits of different deponents, the copies of which were furnished by the Commission with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry

S.No. 22/c

This refers to your DO No. 25/4/NGO – Vol.VII dated December 3, 2001 on the above subject. The present position regarding the Hon'ble Commission's hearings in Tokyo is as follows:

We have not so far received a response from the Japanese Foreign Office to our Note Verbale No. 73/2001 dated 21st September, 2001 seeking their permission and cooperation for the hearings of the Hon'ble Commission in Tokyo. However, the South West Asia Division of the Foreign Office which deals with India conveyed to First Secretary, Shri C. Rajasekhar on February 1 that it was very difficult and complicated for them to permit in writing the judicial proceedings of a foreign Commission on Japanese soil. However, they suggested that we merely inform them about the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission and they would not have any objection to the related Japanese individuals/witnesses deposing before the Hon'ble Commission in Tokyo of their own volition. They have also requested for the copies of the reports of the two earlier commissions on the same subject. We would be grateful if copy of these reports could be forwarded to the Embassy for onward transmission to the Foreign Office here.

Letters were sent in the month of October 2001 to the list of witnesses that are to depose before the Hon'ble Commission during its visit to Tokyo. Only one witness has conveyed his willingness to depose. One has passed away and 12 letters have been returned undelivered. We have sent registered

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letters for a second time to the witnesses who have not replied so far. The Foreign Office was requested by us vide our Note Verbale No. 73/2001 dated 21st September, 2001 to help us trace the witnesses. They have not replied so far in the affirmative but only agreed to examine the issue.

With regard to the space requirements and personnel requirements projected by the Hon'ble commission, we have carefully examined the matter. The Chancery building of the Embassy cannot fulfil the space requirements of the Commission and we have approached a local hotel and obtained an estimate of how much it would cost to lease the space requested by the Commission. Details of the space equipment and personnel projection and the estimated costs are described below:

Personnel

We would request the Hon'ble Commission to bring along on deputation from New Delhi two stenographers who have experience and capability in legal work. ✓

In Addition in accordance with the requirements projected by the Hon'ble Commission we would need to hire the following staff locally ✓

1. Two Assistants with fluent knowledge of Japanese and English and preferably with some experience in legal work
2. Two translators and interpreters preferably with some experience in legal work

Space and Equipment Requirements at Hotel New Otani

We would request the Hon'ble Commission to bring along two typewriters along with supplies needed by them as the same cannot be rented locally.

In addition, in accordance with the requirements projected by the Hon'ble Commission, we would have to locally hire the following:

1. A chamber for holding the hearings large enough to seat 50 people with high desk and chair for a judge on a platform and low desk and chairs for two translators, two stenographers and two assistants. Two PCs with Laser Printers for the two stenographers. Two good tape-recorders for recording evidence. The Chamber for hearing would have a witness stand and microphone arrangement for the witness and the Hon'ble Justice.

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2. An office for the Hon'ble Justice behind the chamber with a desk, chair for the Hon'ble Justice and 3 chairs in front of the desk and sofa seating arrangement for 6 persons and a bookshelf. There would be a direct phone line for the Hon'ble Justice with an extension connection to a neighbouring room, which would serve as a staff office.
 3. An office for the staff of the Commission large enough to seat two translators, two stenographers and two assistants and five others (assuming that the Hon'ble Justice would be accompanied by a five member delegation) Desks for each of these officials, six computers with printers (laser Jet) with English operating system Windows and Office 2000. At least one high-speed internet connection. Some bookshelves and storage space - 2 cupboards for stationery and other supplies. The extension for the Hon'ble Justice's phone numbers should be in the staff room. There would be 3 direct phone lines including one for the fax machine in this office.
 4. Waiting room for witnesses enough to seat 20 persons including chairs/sofas, coffee table, arrangement for drinking water supply.
 5. Stationery and supplies for one month including printer cartridges, paper and other stationery. Stationery would be on the pattern of control rooms during VVIP Visit including computer supplies and tapes for tape recorders and including extensions etc. X
 6. Hire of two photocopiers - heavy duty - and one fax machine. X
 7. Cost of hire of suite for the Hon'ble Judge for 30 days and the cost of hiring five single rooms for members of the Commission and two single rooms for the two stenographers coming from India for 30 days (per day rate may also be quoted)
 8. DA payable to six Grade I officers and two Grade II officers for 30 days. X
 9. Hire of one car and a twelve seater mini van for members of the Hon'ble Commission for a period of 30 days. The rate of hire and overtime may be mentioned in the quotation.

Cost estimates

Enquiries with the Hotel New Otani and equipment leased firms on the basis of requirements projected above have resulted in estimates which are summarised below:

Translators/Assistants/Stenos for 30 days

(i) Translator	70,000 x 2 x 30	= Yen. 4,200,000
(ii) Assistants	21,000 x 2 x 30	= Yen. 1,260,000

(iii) Stenographers 30,000 x 2 x 30 = Yen. 1,800,000

Total expenditure on hire of personnel = Yen. 7,260,000

(In Japan usage of stenographers is limited and therefore estimate is for normal assistants)

3. Hiring of Equipment (30 days) = Yen. 80,693,000
 - (i) Computer - Six 94,500 x 6 x 30 = Yen. 17,010,000
 - (ii) Car 2,000,000 x 30 = Yen. 60,000,000
 - (iii) Mini Van (12 seater) 85,000 x 30 = Yen. 2,550,000
 - (iv) Photocopiers & Fax 38,100 x 30 = Yen. 1,143,000

Machines
4. Hotel Accommodation for Hon'ble Judge plus five members of the delegation plus two stenographers for 30 days = Yen 4,785,000
5. DA for six Grade I officials and Two Grade II officials for 30 days = Yen 2,240,837
6. Office Accommodation for 30 days = Yen. 500,000 x 30
= Yen 15,000,000
7. Projected expenditure on stationery = Yen 90,000

**Total estimated expenditure = Yen 102,818,837
(Rs. 37,607,475)**

I would be grateful if you could convey the information described in this letter to the Hon'ble Commission and let us have their response. We would recommend that the Hon'ble Commission decide on dates of their visit after the Embassy has received more positive responses from witnesses who are to depose before the Hon'ble Commission.

With kind regards.

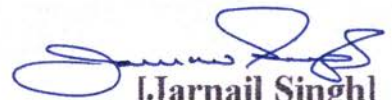

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Enclosed please find a copy of letter No. JMCI/Russia/U.O.Papers/2001/77/526 dated 22.1.2002 received in this office from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry forwarding a letter dated 3.11.2001 from Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.).

2. MEA's comments in the matter may kindly be sent to this office urgently.


[Jarnail Singh]
Joint Secretary to PM

Foreign Secretary

PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol

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Please examine urgently.

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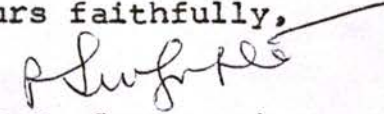
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Sub: Letter dated 03.11.2001 received
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S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the letter dated 03.11.2001 of Dr. P.D. Mukherjee, Adviser, Planning Commission (Retd.), who claims to have heard from Dr. Satyanaraya Sinha, a witness examined by Khosla Commission, about alleged presence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Russia, for your kind perusal. I am also directed to request you to provide the Commission with your detailed report and/or relevant documents regarding the matters of sub-paras (b), (c), (e) and (g) of the last page of the aforesaid letter.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Ebcl: As stated above.

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Dated : 03.11.2001

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Dear Shri Sengupta,

I had an opportunity to meet you on 20th September. I narrated what Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha told me about Netaji when he happened to see me in the Ministry of Industry where I was working as Deputy Economic Adviser. It was sometimes between February – March, 1978. He was assertive that he collected evidence to establish that Netaji did not die of plane crash and was kept somewhere in Siberia, USSR. His personal guess was that Netaji's end came sometimes 4-6 months before Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru died which was designed to be kept as a mystery. I did not keep any written records. However, out of my memory, I am putting down what he told me which I feel could be taken as clues and good leads for further probing.

1. When Dr. Sinha met me, he was working with the Clyde Valley, U.S.A. He wanted to import some second hand machinery which was available to him almost free of cost granted as a gift for his generous scientific contribution to science and the organisation. He told me that he inherited very very rich and vast tracts of land in Bihar and the machinery was required for necessary exploration and exploitation of such material exclusively for defence use. Since the import was from U.S.A. and the material related to primarily concerned nuclear field, many doubts arose in my mind at that time about the man's authenticity. I was rather cautious whether I was not being led to some trap. Dr. Sinha perhaps read my mind form a remark that I had just made bluntly that from his explanation of the proposal involving a most crucial subject of nuclear science and that too in a most non-technical language to a lay economist like me, it appeared he was more a scientist or a science professor in some university rather than a business man or an industrialist engaged in churning profits. How was that at his age, he could jump into a manufacturing venture related to atomic energy. The observation made by me was to bring his real-self out.
2. This one observation changed the whole direction of his conversation from capital goods import application to Netaji. He profoundly apologized that he had not established his credential first and highly appreciated my understanding of him as a science teacher. He told me that basically he was a scientist, perhaps physicist as I understood. He placed before me a big volume in German Language, perhaps a German Encyclopaedia on

Science or Who's who on science – opened a chapter devoted to him with his photo on top right corner of the first page of the article. He asked me whether any one could find a place in such a volume without having profound contribution to science and unless accepted internationally. Nodding affirmatively I observed that then my judgement was correct. He smiled and said that he would like to disclose some of his past enabling me to understand him in real perspective. He said that while working on scientific assignments abroad, he actively took up political works of important leaders like Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and others in those countries as he had worked with them in his youth while studying in India and abroad. Hence he was closely known to them. He said that Tagore was his literary Guru and Netaji was his political ideal from his youth days. He handed over a book to me entitled Operation Himalayas to establish that he kept writing on political and other subjects as well. He said that it was the only copy left with him and lent the book for my study which would be returnable when he visited Uddyog Bhawan next.

3. He told me that right after independence in early fifties (I do not remember the year mentioned), Pt. Nehru gave him a ring in U.S.A. with the request to come back to India by the first available flight. The requests of these leaders were just orders to him which he had to obey. So he resigned from his job and rushed back to Delhi. He met Nehru who, as in the past, embraced him and extended the best cordiality. Pt. Nehru told him that since he had command over 15 or so languages, including European languages, he should proceed to Viena/Geneva (I do not exactly remember) and with his headquarter there, he should construct files on India in respect of each European country's approach to India, through his meetings with officials and non-officials, collating materials from the files and other papers and discussions with important personalities of those countries Dr. Sinha further told that he readily agreed to the offer but wanted a fortnight's time for stitching some clothes etc. Pt. Nehru did not agree and asked him to leave Delhi within next three days as tickets would be there. He took Sinha to his bed room and took out some Achkans and Churidars from his wardrobe so that he did not delay his departure. This was the level of their relationship. This seemed to him as a prelude to establishment of regular Embassies in European countries.
4. Dr. Sinha said that he worked almost 18 hours a day to build up voluminous material on India in respect of each European Country, scanning through their files, papers, many secret documents and meeting with many officials and non-officials. After about 2 and a half years or so he came across a coded message between USA – Germany – USSR which he deciphered with strenuous efforts, and with the help of some friendly Germans, making it amply clear that Netaji was to be kept at Siberia till further decided. Since he had always a doubt about the plane crash theory

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and since Netaji was everything for him, he rushed back to Delhi to meet Nehru.

5. Dr. Sinha further told that when Nehru saw him in his office he was surprised to express as to how without any prior information he could leave his headquarter. However, he maintained his usual cordiality and took him to his anteroom to know about the precise reasons for the urgency to visit Delhi. Dr. Sinha said that he literally sat at the feet of Nehru and handed over the coded message and almost wept and kept begging that his Netaji was alive and should be saved. Nehru appeared to him as if he knew the fact. But he lost his temper and started bullying him in most undesirable language. Nehru told him that the people of his type were sentimental on Netaji and asked him to quit his office immediately and should never show his face again to him. He was almost kicked out. Dr. Sinha told that he handed over his resignation letter as knowing Nehru's mannerism, he was keeping this ready in his pocket.
6. Against my query, as to why did he not make a hue and cry on this, writing to the President of India and all other leaders and publishing this in all newspapers to make the people aware of the treatment being given to Netaji, their most beloved leader, by The Govt. of India. Dr. Sinha told me that it would have been just silly on his part. Political foresight required that he should keep mum so that Netaji's end was not hastened and that he and others could secretly continue with further probing to know the exact place of Netaji's confinement in USSR.
7. Dr. Sinha said that he returned to USA saddened and depressed and rejoined his assignment at Clyde Valley. He did visit Moscow 3-4 times afterwards but failed to break the iron curtain. He was becoming a persona-non-grata for the Indian Officials there. So he became helpless.
8. Narrating further, Dr. Sinha asked me whether I was aware of USSR President Brezenov's and Nikita Krustcheiv's visit to India in mid fifties. Confirming this I said that I was aware and particularly the ovation they got at Calcutta. Dr. Sinha brought out one Album and asked me whether I could locate him in those photos. I found that in all the photos, Dr. Sinha was standing with officials at the back. Sinha told me that before their visit, the same Nehru, loosing all his shame one fine morning, again gave him a ring in U.S.A. and asked whether he would do a personal favour to him and come to Delhi immediately. As in the past, Nehru's request was taken by him simply as an order, although he had no more soft corner left for him in his heart after he had been hurt by him so brutally earlier.
9. Sinha told that he rushed back to India and called on Nehru. Nehru was grim faced and appeared to be repenting on his past outbursts and behaviour. Sinha also told that he was equally quiet and except asking

about his welfare, he waited for Nehru to break the silence. Pt. Nehru told Sinha that he must be aware of Russian leader's imminent visit to India. Could he work as an interpreter as he was not only highly proficient in Russian language but also had full grasp of the Indian political scenario. Dr. Sinha told me that he was just waiting for such an opportunity which he could utilise for his final probing on Netaji. He readily agreed to the offer and took up the assignment right earnestly.

10. Speaking further, Sinha told that Russian leader's visits were so planned split second by split second that he was not getting an exclusive opportunity to ask Nikita Krustchev who was very outspoken and seemed to be more open, about Netaji's whereabouts. Their visit to Delhi was also coming to an end and so he was getting restless to ask. Meanwhile Nehru had conveyed to Sinha that the Russian leaders were extremely appreciative of his proficiency in Russian Language. Sinha told that it was the last day of the Soviet Leaders stay in Delhi. In the evening, they were visiting Red Fort to accept a Mayorial Civic Reception. He was accompanying them and again showed me the snap taken there. When they were walking inside the Redfort to reach Dewane Khas, he paced up to reach near Krustchev some how to draw his attention. It just happened that at one stage, Krustchev was walking with his guards little faster, about two feet ahead of Brezhnev? Sinha almost reached by the side of Krustchev when he smiled and spoke to him in Russian language congratulating on his job done well. The guards also gave a little space to him watching Krustchev was talking to him in their language. Sinha further told that he mustered courage and almost in whispering voice he asked Krustchev where was Netaji Bose. Krustchev bluntly replied in Russian that ask your Nehru and Netaji would be at the Redfort within 24 hours.
11. Sinha told me that the day Russian leaders left Delhi and without loosing any time, he called on Nehru and narrated what Krustchev had told him about Netaji. Pt. Nehru lost temper and cool and rubuked him in merciless language that what audacity had he to talk to Krustchev and that too ask about Netaji. He shouted at him to leave his place. Sinha further told that he started weeping, uttering loudly that he knew about Netaji that Netaji was alive. Why was he not bringing him back to India? To avoid many people knowing what was transpiring there, Pt. Nehru left the room in huff and hurriedly. While narrating the above, tears rolled out of Sinha's eyes. He was so much depressed that he stood up and took up his briefcase and the cloth bag he was carrying for leaving my office without a single word about his C.G. application.
12. Bidding his goodbye and with similar depression in my heart, I enquired whether Netaji was still alive He replied that perhaps "No" and his guess was that 4-6 months prior to Nehru's death, Netaji's end came. Within 2 months or so of my above meeting with Dr. Sinha, I had to go abroad on a

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foreign assignment. The last copy of his book Operation Himalayas still remains with me.

I wonder whether the above could be of any value to the Commission. However, some leads about further probing as I percieve :

- a) Authenticity and credibility of Dr. Sinha. I am enclosing the cover pages of ~~the~~ his book on Operation Himalayas which gives the publisher's name. One can contact the publisher, find his address in Bihar and about his whereabouts. I have no knowledge. But at least his family members would be able to help you. Who knows that Dr. Sinha's personal files including that on Netaji including a copy of that coded message, if left with his family members, could be found in those papers.
- b) The Ministry of External Affairs could be contacted to know about his posting in Europe whether genuine or not. If genuine, study of all the files he constructed there during the period he stayed in Europe, will help the Commission.
- c) All photo snaps taken during Krustchev and Brezenov visit to Delhi;
- d) All the German Encyclopaedia on Science or the likes published before the took up the assignment in Europe.
- e) The copy of coded message which he handed over to Pt. Nehru – Nehru must not have destroyed it and must be in some of his personal files kept in National Archives.
- f) Study of USSR – USA – England's secret files about 6-8 months before Nehru's death – USSR must have also informed their allies of Netaji's death as the arrangement was to keep it as a mystery.
- g) Some of the senior officials as well as officials like personal stenographers who worked with Nehru during those crucial years, ofcourse if they are alive, could be of help. Similarly the USSR officials who had posting in Siberia during those crucial years, provided they are alive and there were means to contact them through some agency.

With regards

Shri Prodyot K. Sen Gupta
~~Member Secretary~~
Netaji Enquiry Committee
Delhi

Yours sincerely,
Prem Das Mukherji
(Prem Das Mukherji)

Encl. : Cover Pages of The Book
Operation Himalayas

About the Book

"With hope and faith, this House affirms the firm resolve of the Indian people to drive out the aggressor from the sacred soil of India, however long and hard the struggle may be".

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Few Indians can claim to have so colourful a life as Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha. At the age of sixteen he started in quest of high adventure on a Norwegian boat. He met Maxim Gorky at Sorrento (Italy) in 1930, and with his help took a doctorate at a German university. Then he spent more than two years in Russia marching with the Uzbeks and the Mongols in the Soviet tundras, learning a great deal about Chinese as well as Russian army training methods. Next followed a long term in prison as a fighter for Indian freedom.

After Independence, Sinha worked as an Indian diplomat in Switzerland, Berlin, Vienna and Prague. In the course of his varied activities thereafter, he attended Jirgas in Pakhtoonistan.

As a Congress M.P. in 1952, Dr. Sinha stood up in the Indian Parliament and warned Jawaharlal that the day would come when China would invade India. Today he stands out as the first Indian to foretell the Chinese invasion of 1962.

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(Please see back of the jacket for description of the book.)

Books by the Same Author

1. *On the Himalayan Front*
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Should we forward this to JS (CNV)?

JS (CBA)

All issues pertaining to the Justice Mukherjee Commission are being looked after by CNV Division. We may forward the letter in original to Director (CNV).

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Dear Shri *Sengupta*,

I had an opportunity to meet you on 20th September. I narrated what Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha told me about Netaji when he happened to see me in the Ministry of Industry where I was working as Deputy Economic Adviser. It was sometimes between February – March, 1978. He was assertive that he collected evidence to establish that Netaji did not die of plane crash and was kept somewhere in Siberia, USSR. His personal guess was that Netaji's end came sometimes 4-6 months before Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru died which was designed to be kept as a mystery. I did not keep any written records. However, out of my memory, I am putting down what he told me which I feel could be taken as clues and good leads for further probing.

1. When Dr. Sinha met me, he was working with the Clyde Valley, U.S.A. He wanted to import some second hand machinery which was available to him almost free of cost granted as a gift for his generous scientific contribution to science and the organisation. He told me that he inherited very very rich and vast tracts of land in Bihar and the machinery was required for necessary exploration and exploitation of such material exclusively for defence use. Since the import was from U.S.A. and the material related to primarily concerned nuclear field, many doubts arose in my mind at that time about the man's authenticity. I was rather cautious whether I was not being led to some trap. Dr. Sinha perhaps read my mind form a remark that I had just made bluntly that from his explanation of the proposal involving a most crucial subject of neuclear science and that too in a most non-technical language to a lay economist like me, it appeared he was more a scientist or a science professor in some university rather than a business man or an industrialist engaged in churning profits. How was that at his age, he could jump into a manufacturing venture related to atomic energy. The observation made by me was to bring his real-self out.
2. This one observation changed the whole direction of his conversation from capital goods import application to Netaji. He profoundly apologized that he had not established his credential first and highly appreciated my understanding of him as a science teacher. He told me that basically he was a scientist, perhaps physicist as I understood. He placed before me a big volume in German Language, perhaps a German Encyclopaedia on

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Science or Who's who on science – opened a chapter devoted to him with his photo on top right corner of the first page of the article. He asked me whether any one could find a place in such a volume without having profound contribution to science and unless accepted internationally. Nodding affirmatively I observed that then my judgement was correct. He smiled and said that he would like to disclose some of his past enabling me to understand him in real perspective. He said that while working on scientific assignments abroad, he actively took up political works of important leaders like Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru and others in those countries as he had worked with them in his youth while studying in India and abroad. Hence he was closely known to them. He said that Tagore was his literary Guru and Netaji was his political ideal from his youth days. He handed over a book to me entitled Operation Himalayas to establish that he kept writing on political and other subjects as well. He said that it was the only copy left with him and lent the book for my study which would be returnable when he visited Uddyog Bhawan next.

3. He told me that right after independence in early fifties (I do not remember the year mentioned), Pt. Nehru gave him a ring in U.S.A. with the request to come back to India by the first available flight. The requests of these leaders were just orders to him which he had to obey. So he resigned from his job and rushed back to Delhi. He met Nehru who, as in the past, embraced him and extended the best cordiality. Pt. Nehru told him that since he had command over 15 or so languages, including European languages, he should proceed to Viena/Geneva (I do not exactly remember) and with his headquarter there, he should construct files on India in respect of each European country's approach to India, through his meetings with officials and non-officials, collating materials from the files and other papers and discussions with important personalities of those countries Dr. Sinha further told that he readily agreed to the offer but wanted a fortnight's time for stitching some clothes etc. Pt. Nehru did not agree and asked him to leave Delhi within next three days as tickets would be there. He took Sinha to his bed room and took out some Achkans and Churidars from his wardrobe so that he did not delay his departure. This was the level of their relationship. This seemed to him as a prelude to establishment of regular Embassies in European countries.
4. Dr. Sinha said that he worked almost 18 hours a day to build up voluminous material on India in respect of each European Country, scanning through their files, papers, many secret documents and meeting with many officials and non-officials. After about 2 and a half years or so he came across a coded message between USA – Germany – USSR which he deciphered with strenuous efforts, and with the help of some friendly Germans, making it amply clear that Netaji was to be kept at Siberia till further decided. Since he had always a doubt about the plane crash theory

and since Netaji was everything for him, he rushed back to Delhi to meet Nehru.

5. Dr. Sinha further told that when Nehru saw him in his office he was surprised to express as to how without any prior information he could leave his headquarter. However, he maintained his usual cordiality and took him to his anteroom to know about the precise reasons for the urgency to visit Delhi. Dr. Sinha said that he literally sat at the feet of Nehru and handed over the coded message and almost wept and kept begging that his Netaji was alive and should be saved. Nehru appeared to him as if he knew the fact. But he lost his temper and started bullying him in most undesirable language. Nehru told him that the people of his type were sentimental on Netaji and asked him to quit his office immediately and should never show his face again to him. He was almost kicked out. Dr. Sinha told that he handed over his resignation letter as knowing Nehru's mannerism, he was keeping this ready in his pocket.
6. Against my query, as to why did he not make a hue and cry on this, writing to the President of India and all other leaders and publishing this in all newspapers to make the people aware of the treatment being given to Netaji, their most beloved leader, by The Govt. of India. Dr. Sinha told me that it would have been just silly on his part. Political foresight required that he should keep mum so that Netaji's end was not hastened and that he and others could secretly continue with further probing to know the exact place of Netaji's confinement in USSR.
7. Dr. Sinha said that he returned to USA saddened and depressed and rejoined his assignment at Clyde Valley. He did visit Moscow 3-4 times afterwards but failed to break the iron curtain. He was becoming a persona-non-grata for the Indian Officials there. So he became helpless.
8. Narrating further, Dr. Sinha asked me whether I was aware of USSR President Brezenov's and Nikita Krustcheiv's visit to India in mid fifties. Confirming this I said that I was aware and particularly the ovation they got at Calcutta. Dr. Sinha brought out one Album and asked me whether I could locate him in those photos. I found that in all the photos, Dr. Sinha was standing with officials at the back. Sinha told me that before their visit, the same Nehru, loosing all his shame one fine morning, again gave him a ring in U.S.A. and asked whether he would do a personal favour to him and come to Delhi immediately. As in the past, Nehru's request was taken by him simply as an order, although he had no more soft corner left for him in his heart after he had been hurt by him so brutally earlier.
9. Sinha told that he rushed back to India and called on Nehru. Nehru was grim faced and appeared to be repenting on his past outbursts and behaviour. Sinha also told that he was equally quiet and except asking

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about his welfare, he waited for Nehru to break the silence. Pt. Nehru told Sinha that he must be aware of Russian leader's imminent visit to India. Could he work as an interpreter as he was not only highly proficient in Russian language but also had full grasp of the Indian political scenario. Dr. Sinha told me that he was just waiting for such an opportunity which he could utilise for his final probing on Netaji. He readily agreed to the offer and took up the assignment right earnestly.

10. Speaking further, Sinha told that Russian leader's visits were so planned split second by split second that he was not getting an exclusive opportunity to ask Nikita Krustchev who was very outspoken and seemed to be more open, about Netaji's whereabouts. Their visit to Delhi was also coming to an end and so he was getting restless to ask. Meanwhile Nehru had conveyed to Sinha that the Russian leaders were extremely appreciative of his proficiency in Russian Language. Sinha told that it was the last day of the Soviet Leaders stay in Delhi. In the evening, they were visiting Red Fort to accept a Mayorial Civic Reception. He was accompanying them and again showed me the snap taken there. When they were walking inside the Redfort to reach Dewane Khas, he paced up to reach near Krustchev some how to draw his attention. It just happened that at one stage, Krustchev was walking with his guards little faster, about two feet ahead of Brezhnev? *Khanna* Sinha almost reached by the side of Krustchev when he smiled and spoke to him in Russian language congratulating on his job done well. The guards also gave a little space to him watching Krustchev was talking to him in their language. Sinha further told that he mustered courage and almost in whispering voice he asked Krustchev where was Netaji Bose. Krustchev bluntly replied in Russian that ask your Nehru and Netaji would be at the Redfort within 24 hours.
11. Sinha told me that the day Russian leaders left Delhi and without loosing any time, he called on Nehru and narrated what Krustchev had told him about Netaji. Pt. Nehru lost temper and cool and rebuked him in merciless language that what audacity had he to talk to Krustchev and that too ask about Netaji. He shouted at him to leave his place. Sinha further told that he started weeping, uttering loudly that he knew about Netaji that Netaji was alive. Why was he not bringing him back to India? To avoid many people knowing what was transpiring there, Pt. Nehru left the room in huff and hurriedly. While narrating the above, tears rolled out of Sinha's eyes. He was so much depressed that he stood up and took up his briefcase and the cloth bag he was carrying for leaving my office without a single word about his C.G. application.
12. Bidding his goodbye and with similar depression in my heart, I enquired whether Netaji was still alive He replied that perhaps "No" and his guess was that 4-6 months prior to Nehru's death, Netaji's end came. Within 2 months or so of my above meeting with Dr. Sinha, I had to go abroad on a

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foreign assignment. The last copy of his book Operation Himalayas still remains with me.

I wonder whether the above could be of any value to the Commission. However, some leads about further probing as I percieve :

- a) Authenticity and credibility of Dr. Sinha. I am enclosing ✓ the cover pages of ~~the~~ his book on Operation Himalayas which gives the publisher's name. One can contact the publisher, find his address in Bihar and about his whereabouts. I have no knowledge. But at least his family members would be able to help you. Who knows that Dr. Sinha's personal files including that on Netaji including a copy of that coded message, if left with his family members, could be found in those papers.
- b) ✓ The Ministry of External Affairs could be contacted to know about his posting in Europe whether genuine or not. If genuine, study of all the files he constructed there during the period he stayed in Europe, will help the Commission.
- c) All photo snaps taken during Krustchev and Brezenov visit to Delhi;
- d) All the German Encyclopaedia on Science or the likes published before the took up the assignment in Europe.
- e) The copy of coded message which he handed over to Pt. Nehru – Nehru must not have destroyed it and must be in some of his personal files kept in National Archives,
- f) Study of USSR – USA – England's secret files about 6-8 months before Nehru's death – USSR must have also informed their allies of Netaji's death as the arrangement was to keep it as a mystery.
- g) Some of the senior officials as well as officials like personal stenographers who worked with Nehru during those crucial years, ofcourse if they are alive, could be of help. Similarly the USSR officials who had posting in Siberia during those crucial years, provided they are alive and there were means to contact them through some agency.

With regards

Shri Prodyot K. Sen Gupta
~~Member~~ Secretary
Netaji Enquiry Committee
Delhi

Yours sincerely,
Prem Das Mukherji
(Prem Das Mukherji)

Encl. : Cover Pages of the Book
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Few Indians can claim to have so colourful a life as Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha. At the age of sixteen he started in quest of high adventure on a Norwegian boat. He met Maxim Gorky at Sorrento (Italy) in 1930, and with his help took a doctorate at a German university. Then he spent more than two years in Russia marching with the Uzbeks and the Mongols in the Soviet tundras, learning a great deal about Chinese as well as Russian army training methods. Next followed a long term in prison as a fighter for Indian freedom.

After Independence, Sinha worked as an Indian diplomat in Switzerland, Berlin, Vienna and Prague. In the course of his varied activities thereafter, he attended Jirgas in Pakhtoonistan.

As a Congress M.P. in 1952, Dr. Sinha stood up in the Indian Parliament and warned Jawaharlal that the day would come when China would invade India. Today he stands out as the first Indian to foretell the Chinese invasion of 1962.

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(Please see back of the jacket for description of the book.)

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Subject: PM's visit to Renkoji Temple, Japan.

Reference is invited to MEA ID No. C/122/17/2000-JP dated 31.12.2001 on the subject noted above.

As desired, a copy of PM's inscription at Renkoji Temple, Tokyo is sent herewith.

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[Alok Mukhopadhyay]
Under Secretary (Pol)

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Shri Sibi George – Under Secretary (JK), MEA
PMO ID No. 885/21/C/5/2001-Pol Vol.IX dated: 03-01-2002

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PM's inscription at (171)
Renkoji Temple, Tokyo

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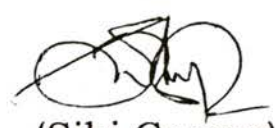
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Submitted please,



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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/ Kolkata, dated, 16.01.2002.
48(Vol.III)/514(7)

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith xerox copy
of the proceedings dated 19.12.2001 and 20.12.2001
and of the Commission's Status Report as on
12.12.2001 for your kind information and favour
of taking necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Encl : As stated above. Officer on Special Duty

Pl. examine action pending on our
part and put up.

Sh Sen

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 19th December 2001 (Thirteenth-D1)
Held at Committee Room 'C', Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi

December 19, 2001

Of the five witnesses summoned today, two viz. Shri K Natwar Singh and Shri Satindra Pal Sharma are present. Shri Natwar Singh is examined as CW 66. His review captioned as "Extra-ordinary Story" published at page 77 in the Journal "Frontline", October 12, 2001, of the book "Sign of the Tiger : Subhas Chandra Bose and his Indian legion in Germany, 1941-45" by Rudolf Hartog is marked Exhibit 89.

Shri Satindra Pal Sharma is examined as CW 67. Copy of his letter captioned as "My mother saw Netaji in Rishikesh" sent by him to the Web-site Hindusthan Times.Com. special is marked Exhibit 90.

The witnesses are discharged.

Shri Janardan Das, in response to the summons issued to him, sent a letter expressing his inability to appear before the Commission in Delhi on account of his ailments and paucity of funds. He prayed for his examination at Lucknow. His prayer will be considered at the appropriate stage.

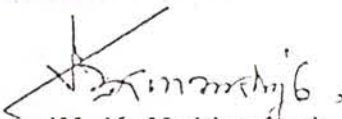
Summons were served on Smt. Prova Jaganathan on 08.06.2001 and 14.10.2001 for her appearance as a witness before the Commission on 13.06.2001 in Kolkata and on 16.10.2001 in New Delhi. But she did not appear on either of the aforesaid dates. Summons was sent to her again by registered post with AD for appearance as a witness before the Commission in New Delhi to-day. As it appears from postal AD, summons was received on behalf of her on 06.12.2001. Another set of summons for causing personal service upon her through our Delhi office was sent but she refused to accept the same. She is absent to-day without any intimation.

Necessary orders for compelling her appearance or her production before the Commission will be made in accordance with the provisions of section 4(a) of the Commissions of Inquiry Act (60 of 1952) read with Order XVI Rule 10 of the Code of the Civil Procedure after the date for the next hearing is fixed.

7 (269) Summons upon Shri Jai Singh could not be served as the Hindusthan Times Authorities could not give his address, and the telephone number mentioned in his letter is not correct.

Shri Anuj Dhar who was examined as CW 50 in New Delhi on 15.10.2001 and 16.10.2001 is re-examined to-day on his letter sent to the Commission by E-Mail praying for consideration of the mistake as to the year of CIA documents referred to by him at the time of his deposition on the last occasion.

Joint Secretaries of MHA, MEA and PMO were directed to appear before the Commission to-day, but instead of appearing personally they have filed three separate affidavits through Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Standing Counsel for the Government of India in terms of the earlier direction of the Commission after serving copies thereof to all the deponents present. Mr. Pal prays for time till to-morrow for personal appearance of the three Joint Secretaries. Prayer is considered and allowed. The Joint Secretaries are directed to appear to-morrow at 11.00 AM.


(M. K. Mukherjee)

Chairman

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 20th December 2001 (Thirteenth-D2)
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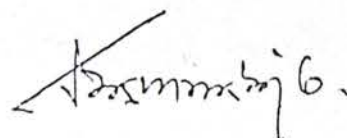
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Smt. Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary, MHA, Shri Jayant Prosad, Joint Secretary, MEA and Shri Jarnal Singh, Joint Secretary, PMO are present. They are examined as CW 68, CW 69 and CW 70 respectively. The affidavit of CW 68 has been marked Exhibit 91 and her signature thereon marked Exhibit 91/1; the affidavit filed by CW 69 before this Commission has been marked 92 and his signature thereon marked Exhibit 92/1.

✓ [CW 69 has prayed for two months' time for filing a supplementary affidavit detailing the developments that have taken place since he filed the affidavit dated 14.12.2001 regarding availability of documents from foreign countries

[Prayer is considered and allowed. In that affidavit he should also state whether there is any classified document relating to the terms of reference of the Commission.

Affidavit filed by CW 70 is marked Exhibit 93 and his signature thereon marked Exhibit 93/1.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman

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Status Report as on 12.12.2001 showing action taken on compliance with orders/directions contained in the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 read with the proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, 22.12.2000, 17.01.2001, 04.04.2001, and 13.06.2001 of the Commission.

- 1.(a) Copies of the Status Report as on October 9, 2001 and copies of the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 have been sent for favour of taking necessary action to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, and Prime Minister's Office by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/402(3) dated November 9, 2001 and to the Secretaries, Ministry of Defence, and Cabinet Secretariat by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/403(2) dated November 9, 2001. All the letters have been sent by Registered Post with A/D.
- (b) The Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs and Prime Minister's Office have been intimated by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/431(3) dated November 27, 2001 sent by Registered Post with A/D. that the next hearing of the Commission will be held on 19.12.2001 and if need be, on 20.12.2001 starting at 11.00 O'clock in the forenoon at Committee Room 'C' of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi, and have been requested to advise their respective Officers swearing the affidavits in terms of para 4(a) of the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 to remain present before the Commission on 19.12.2001 at 11.00 O'clock to answer any question that may be raised relating to their statements made in their respective affidavits as directed by the Commission in para 4(b) of the said proceedings.
- (c) The Secretaries, Ministry of Defence and the Cabinet Secretariat have also been kept informed about the said hearing of the Commission by Commission's letters dated 27.11.2001 sent to them by Registered Post with A/D.

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2. Fresh summons have been issued to Mr. Jai Singh, Mr. Satindra Pal Singh Sarma, Ms. Prabha Jagannathan and Mr. Janardan Das for their appearance as witnesses before the Commission on December 19, 2001 at 11.00 a.m. Summons has also been issued to Mr. K. Natwar Singh for his appearance as a witness before the Commission on December 19, 2001 at 11.00 a.m.
 3. The Commission held its sitting at Faizabad, U.P. from 26th to 29th day of November, 2001, during which it inspected the articles and documents allegedly of 'Gumnamī Baba' kept in the custody of the District Magistrate, Faizabad, in the district Treasury and segregated different articles/documents out of them for close scrutiny; and for that purpose necessary steps are being taken to file an application before the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court seeking its permission to bring those articles/documents to the headquarters of the Commission in Kolkata. The Commission has also examined nine witnesses (besides 11 earlier examined).
 4. As early as August 23, 2001, the Commission by its letter No. JMRI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol. II)/274 dated August 23, 2001 requested the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to let the Commission know, within six weeks from the date of receipt thereof which of the files/records/documents mentioned in para (a)(i) and (a)(iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2001 of the Commission pertain to the Prime Minister's Office, which of them pertain to the Ministry of Defence and which of them pertain to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter. No reply has yet been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
 5. The Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in her D.O. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VI dated October 25, 2001, has intimated that they have conducted a thorough and extensive search but could not locate documents/files containing the proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and the exhibits/documents called for by and/or filed before the said Committee. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs,

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Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.II)/391 dated November 8, 2001 to file before the Commission immediately stating clearly therein the details of the steps taken and searches conducted for locating the said records/files/exhibits/documents. Further action of the said Ministry is still awaited.

6. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/356 dated 09.10.2001, was requested to send within four weeks from the date of receipt of this letter, authenticated true copies of the papers/documents concerning Sl.Nos. (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) of para 1 of the letter No.281/12/1/2000-TS dated September 19, 2001 of the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, addressed to the Commission since those have already been sent by the Cabinet Secretariat to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, as stated in para 3 of their aforesaid letter dated September 19, 2001. The Commission is yet to receive authenticated true copies of the aforesaid papers/documents from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
7. In Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/262 dated August 20, 2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out that neither the original records of the day-to-day proceedings of Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry nor any authenticated copy thereof has yet been received by the Commission. The Secretary has been requested therein to ensure more vigorous efforts to locate all the remaining records pertaining to the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry including the documents presented before the said Commission, the documents not received by it in spite of its requisition and the documents which were made exhibits before it and to make all those records/documents available to this Commission as quickly as possible as those are essentially required by this Commission for the purpose of its inquiry. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.

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8. (a) The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/400 dated November 9, 2001, was requested to file an affidavit explaining as to why, notwithstanding the assertion of Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, on the floor of Parliament on August 28, 1978, about availability of "some further contemporary official documentary records", those official documents could not be located in the Prime Minister's office as reported by the Under Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, in his letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated October 29, 2001.
- (b) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/399 dated November 9, 2001, was requested to ensure immediate production before the Commission of duly attested/authenticated xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records" which, as stated by Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, on August 28, 1978, on the floor of the Parliament, were with the Government of India.
- (c) In terms of letter No.915/II/C/2/2000-Pol. dated October 29, 2001 of the Prime Minister's Office, the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/398 dated November 9, 2001 to ensure immediate production before the Commission of duly attested/authenticated xerox copies of all those aforesaid "further contemporary official documentary records" which were with the Government of India.
- (d) The Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/397 dated October 9, 2001, was requested to ensure production before the Commission, within six weeks of the receipt of the letter, of duly attested xerox copies of all those aforesaid "further contemporary official documentary records" which were with the Government of India as stated by Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, on August 28, 1978, on the

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floor of the Parliament, as also to send to the Commission authenticated true copies of all relevant official notes based on which the said statement was made by the then Prime Minister of India on the floor of the Parliament on August 28, 1978.

9. The report and the affidavit, as called for from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 read with its letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/320 dated September 20, 2001, have not yet been received.
10. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and the Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, Government of India, were requested by Commission's letters No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37 (Vol.II)/318(2) dated September 20, 2001 to confirm whether an affidavit was filed before Justice Khosla Commission on behalf of the Government of India wherein it was averred, inter alia, that more than 34 'confidential files' relating to 'Netaji Mystery' were found either 'destroyed or missing' and if so, they were requested to furnish a copy of the said affidavit with a detailed explanatory note on the contents of each of the said 34 confidential files allegedly destroyed or missing. The required papers and particulars are yet to be received.
11. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averment (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/132 dated May 30, 2001 was requested to furnish the original or authenticated copies of the documents relied upon by some deponents in their affidavits/supplementary affidavits, xerox copies of which were sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/67/263 dated September 20, 2000. In response thereto the Ministry of Home Affairs sent to the Commission a copy of the letter dated July 4, 2001 addressed to different authorities of the Government of India, wherein they were requested to go through the list of documents enclosed therewith and if necessary, to submit an affidavit before the Commission directly. The Ministry

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of Home Affairs was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 to clarify with a supporting affidavit whether or not the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is at all concerned in the matter of furnishing the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned. The Ministry of Home Affairs was again requested by the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/67/320 dated September 20, 2001 to take necessary action to send the report with the supporting affidavit as quickly as possible as also to indicate the name of the authority concerned of the Government of India against each of the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned to enable the Commission to pursue effectively with the authorities concerned of the Government of India for production before the Commission their respective documents. The said reports and affidavits of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, are still awaited.

12. The Director General of National Archives, Government of India, was requested by Commission's d.o. No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56-Vol.II/286 dated September 5, 2001, to inform the Commission whether they have got Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches of the files/documents of the public records office of the British Library which were listed by the team of the Commission after their study of the files/documents in the British Library and the Public Records Office so that the Commission may obtain from the National Archives of India transcriptions from those Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches or authenticated xerox copies of the entire File No. K 148/A of Mountbatten papers in the Heartley Library of the Southampton University or at least of the papers listed in the said letter dated September 5, 2001 of the Commission. The receipt of the aforesaid Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches/Authenticated xerox copies are still awaited.

13. D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated September 26, 2001 has been received from the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in reply to the Hon'ble Chairman's d.o. No. JMCI/Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56 (Vol.II)/267 dated

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August 21, 2001 regarding inspection of documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose stated to be lying in different foreign countries. In this communication the Hon'ble Minister has stated that the points raised in the Hon'ble Chairman's letter have been taken up with the diplomatic mission of India in the countries concerned and that they (Ministry of External Affairs) would keep the Commission informed about the outcome of their efforts in this regard. Further development in the matter is awaited.

14. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/106 dated May 28, 2001 to send a true copy of the report of the Government of India in the Foreign Ministry allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission and marked as Exhibit 29-1 which is allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the British Military Intelligence Department on a Secret Japanese message allegedly intercepted by the Chinese advising Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be separated from his fellow travellers at the time of his journey from Burma in an aircraft. The Ministry of External Affairs in their d.o. No.25/4/NGO-POL. VI dated September 6, 2001 intimated that they were making every effort to trace the same and would revert to the Commission shortly in this matter. Further development is still awaited.
15. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, and the Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, were requested by Commission's letters No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(3) dated September 18, 2001, to inform the Commission within eight weeks from the date of receipt of the letter, the outcome of the efforts made in terms of the minutes dated December 21, 1998 of Shri Brojesh Mishra, the then Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister appearing at notesheet page 3 of File No.915/II/C/6/96-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office. They were also requested therein to refer to the letter dated October 10, 1998 of Shri Bijan Ghosh, Advocate, addressed to the Prime Minister of India (appearing at cor.page 182 of the said file) as also to the d.o. letter dated January 23, 1999 of Prof. Amalendu Guha addressed to the Prime Minister of India (appearing at cor.pages

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194 and 195 of the aforesaid file) with the request to let the Commission know immediately the action taken thereon. The required report is yet to be received from the said addressees.

16. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/375 dated October 22, 2001 to send as early as possible, preferably by the end of November, 2001, an authenticated true copy of the reply of the U.N. Secretariat to the purported formal request of the permanent Mission of India, Newyork made to the U.N. Secretariat and an authenticated true copy of the documents based on which Indian Mission in Tokyo sent their confirmation as stated in the letter No. U/II/103/1/98 dated October 15, 2001 of the Director, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The said authenticated true copies have not yet been received.
17. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/305 dated September 18, 2001 to let the Commission know immediately what action was taken on the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. DY. 2198 by Shri K.R. Malkani, M.P. due for answer on 06.03.1996 as mentioned at notesheet page 1 of Prime Minister's Office file No. 915/II/C/6/96-Pol. as also on the letter dated November 20, 1996 of Shri Ramkrishna Hegde addressed to the then President of India, indicating the results of the said actions. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was also requested in the said letter of the Commission to send to the Commission within six weeks an authenticated xerox copy of the information furnished by the Government of U.K. as stated in the letter dated 12.03.1999 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, appearing at cor. page 196 of the said file of the Prime Minister's office. Copies of the aforesaid notesheet page and cor. page were enclosed with the Commission's said letter dated September 18, 2001. The information called for are still awaited.
18. Further affidavit as called for from the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Record/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/57 dated May 3, 2001 regarding existence/non-existence/availability/non-

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non-availability/destruction, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of I.N.A. personnel, are still to be submitted by the said Ministry before the Commission.

19. A xerox copy of the report captioned, "Sleeping Bomb lies in Netaji vault" authored by Shri Chandan Nandy was sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/108 dated 28.05.2001 in terms of the letter No.10/SPS-11/2001 (20)-306 dated 17.05.2001 of the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, was requested to furnish a detailed report on the contention of the said article of Shri Chandan Nandy which was published in the 'Telegraph', Calcutta on March 26, 2001. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.
- 20.(a) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/449 dated December 5, 2001 (sent by Registered Post) to cause production before the Commission on December 19, 2001 at 11.00 a.m. in the forenoon, by a competent Officer of the Ministry, the documents mentioned in the list enclosed with the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/196 dated July 5, 2001 to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, sent by Registered Post.
- (b) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/452 dated December 5, 2001 (sent by Registered Post), to cause production before the Commission on December 19, 2001 at 11.00 a.m., during the sitting of the Commission, of the documents, called for by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/356 dated October 9, 2001, by a competent Officer of the Ministry.

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(c) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, by Commission's letter No.
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dated December 5, 2001 has been requested to cause
production, before the Commission on December 19,
2001 at 11.00 a.m., by a competent Officer of the
Ministry, of the documents called for by
Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings
(Follow Up)/48 (Vol.III)/263 dated August 20,
2001 sent by Registered Post to the Secretary.



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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated February 4, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letters No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/N.Delhi/99-2000/56/41 dated 24.4.2001 seeking to know the whereabouts of Mr.L.Lochner, an American Journalist and Pulitzer Prize winner and No. JMC/DOC(FOR)/N.Delhi/99-2000/56/49 dated 27.4.2001 regarding documents available with the US Government on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We had approached our Mission in Washington to check with the concerned authorities and various sources on the issues mentioned in your aforesaid letters. As regards Mr.Lochner, our Mission even after making every effort within the available resources has not been able to locate him, nor could any of the sources tapped in the course of the search confirm the fact of Mr. Lochner being alive.

Regarding the availability of documents relating to Netaji, information obtained from the Intelligence and Research Bureau of the US State Department reveals that documents once declassified are no longer retained by the US Government and are normally stored in the National Archives, Library of Congress or other similar documentation centers. We have been further informed that most of these documents have most likely been researched by scholars and would be available in the form of published books on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. However, under the provisions of the US Freedom of Information Act, classified documents, if any, can be requisitioned only with specific details.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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Copy to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Counsel to the Govt. of India in the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated February 4, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to the Hon'ble Chairman's letter No. JMCI/Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56(VolII)/267 dated 21.8.2001 and this Ministry's affidavit submitted to the Commission during its sitting in Delhi on 19/20th December, 2001.

As regards the classified documents available in the UK on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the reply of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in response to our queries on the issue is forwarded herewith for your perusal.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

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14 December 2001

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Dear Hardeep,

During a meeting with Stephen Evans in September you handed over a note regarding official records on Subhas Chandra Bose. I am sorry for the delay in replying, however the aftermath of the events of 11 September caused us to lose sight of your original enquiry.

I understand from our Records and Historical Department (RHD) that our position on this issue remains as set out in the note of February 2000. Virtually all records that are more than 30 years old have been released to the Public Record Office or the British Library. A few relevant papers from the files of the intelligence and security agencies are withheld (with the approval of the Lord Chancellor in accordance with the Public Records Acts). These papers do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available at the British Library. They are withheld as a matter of principle, because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released, rather than because of their particular content. In addition, one paper from the files available at the British Library is withheld on the grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

Richard Bevins, RHD, told me that this position was explained to Justice Mukherjee (who is leading the Indian Government enquiry) and Vikas Swarup when they called on Records and Historical Department in July.

I am sorry if this adds little to what you already know.

Yours ever,
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Iain Lindsay
South Asian Department

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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has sent us a new list of witnesses who had been examined by the Justice Khosla Commission in Taipei in 1973 with the request that whereabouts of these witnesses may be obtained to enable the Commission examine them.

EA Division may please take appropriate action in the matter.

N. Chauhan
(Narinder Chauhan)
Director(CNV)
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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated February 4, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Affidavits/Avernments(Follow up)/2000-2001/67/521 dated 18.1.2001. *Sum 61/c*

As desired by the Hon'ble Chairman, the record of the interview of the then Indian Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Shri K.P.S.Menon, with Stalin which was held on 17th February, 1953 is forwarded herewith in original in a sealed cover with the request that the same may be returned to the undersigned in a sealed cover when done with.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

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D.O.No.JMCI/Affidavits/Avernments(Follow up)/ Dated 18th January'2002.
2000-2001/67/521.

Dear Smt. Chauhan,

Sno. 49/c

With reference to your letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated January 4, 2002, I am to say that it is uncertain whether any and if so, when the next sitting of the Commission in Delhi will be held. In view of this, I have been directed by the Hon'ble Chairman to request you to send the letter, referred to in para-2 of your above-quoted letter, in a sealed cover for perusal of the Hon'ble Chairman only. After the perusal of the letter by the Hon'ble Chairman, it will be returned to you in a sealed cover.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

To
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Director(CNV),
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Narinder Chauhan(Smt.)
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VII

Dated January 24, 2002

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your fax dated 14.12.2002 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

The Commission has now informed that it proposes to visit Japan in the second half of March, 2002 and the duration of the visit may be two to three weeks depending upon the number of witnesses available for examination and the places of their examination. In this connection, kindly indicate whether the assent of the local Foreign Office has been received. This information alongwith the requisite details of the witnesses is required to be furnished to the Commission to enable it finalise details of its proposed tour.

with regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan

(Narinder Chauhan)

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(East Asia Division)

Reference FR- Dy.No. 296/EA2/2002


FR is a note received from JS(AMS & CNV) regarding availability of records required in connection with Justice Mukherjee Commission. In this connection it may be mentioned that we have forwarded a number of files to NGO Section and we had asked for some more files from RM Section who had stated that the same were not available. A copy of our earlier note of even No. dated 16th October, 2001 is enclosed herewith for ready reference. We may intimate this to NGO Section.


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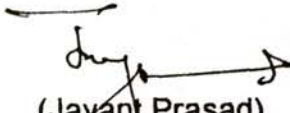
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No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We have been directed by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to once again carry out a final search for all the documents related to the mandate of the Commission as indicated above, in order to maintain the veracity of the statement filed by the MEA before the Commission to the effect that the MEA has no further records available on the subject (other than those already transmitted to the Commission). The text of the Commission's mandate is attached.

In view of the above, you are requested to go through your records as carefully as possible in order that the MEA is not charged with inadvertent concealment of information or suppression of material evidence in connection with the objectives and purposes of the Commission. Your response may be sent to the undersigned as early as possible but not later than 20th January, 2002.


(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)
21st December, 2001

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All Heads of Territorial Divisions

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की उप धारा [2], उप धारा [3], उप धारा [4] और उप धारा [5] के सभी उपबंध उक्त आयोग को लागू किए जाने चाहिए और केन्द्रीय सरकार उक्त धारा 9 की उप धारा [1] द्वारा प्रस्ता शाक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए यह निवेश देती है कि उस धारा की उक्त उप धारा [2] से [5] तक के सभी उपबंध आयोग को लागू होंगे।

[फा. सं. VI/11034/18/98-आई.एस.(डी-III)]

निखिल कुमार, विशेष सचिव

MINISTRY OF AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 14th May, 1999

S.O. 339(E).—Whereas the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and the Khosla Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Government of India in April, 1956 and July, 1970 respectively to inquire into and to report to the Government of India on the circumstances concerning the departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Bangkok about the 16th August, 1945, his reported death as a result of an air craft accident, and subsequent developments connected therewith had come to the conclusion that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose met his death in an air crash;

And, whereas there is a wide spread feeling among the public that the issue of finding the truth about Netaji's death still remains;

And, whereas there has been a consistent demand for a further inquiry into the matter;

And, whereas the Calcutta High Court also directed the Government of India for a vigorous inquiry in accordance with Law, if necessary, by appointing a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of giving an end to this controversy;

And, whereas a Motion was adopted on 24.12.1998 by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly wherein a demand has been made for a fresh inquiry into the matter to remove the mystery regarding the whereabouts of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

And whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an indepth inquiry into a definite matter of a public importance, namely, the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952(60 of 1952), the Central Government hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

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2. The Commission shall inquire into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including:-

- (a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji;
- (d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

3. The Commission shall also examine the manner in which the exercise of Scrutiny of Publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances.

4. The Commission shall submit its report to the Central Government as soon as possible but not later than six months from the date of publication of this notification.

5. The headquarters of the Commission shall be at New Delhi, and/or any other place as determined by the Commission.

6. The Central Government is of the opinion that, having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, all the provisions of sub-section(2), sub-section(3), sub-section(4) and sub-section(5) of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) should be made applicable to the said Commission and the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(1) of the said section 5, hereby directs that all the provisions of the said sub-sections (2) to (5) of that section shall apply to the Commission.

[F. No. VI/11034/18/98-IS(D.III)]

NIKHIL KUMAR, Spl. Secy.

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No. C/415/3/96 - JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

This is in continuation of our earlier note of even No. dated 23rd August, 2001 regarding files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. In this connection Director (CNV)'s note No. 25/4/NGO. Vol. VI dated 5th July, 2001 refers.

2 respectively. Vide our note of even No. dated 18.7.2001 and No. C/551/10/2000-JP, ^{of 23/8/01} we have already sent eight files and five files to NGO Section. We had asked for some more files from RM Section and they have stated that the same are not available with them.

(N.S. Bhaosra)
SO(JK)
16.10.2001

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No. C/551/10/2000 - JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Reference Director (CNV)'s note No. 254 NGO, Vol. VI dated 5th July, 2001 regarding files relating to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and our earlier note of even No. dated 17.7.2001.

In this connection following five files received from RM Section are placed below, for further necessary action:-

Sr. No.	File No.	Subject
1.	C 551 9 69-JP	Speeches of Netaji in foreign countries - procurement of
2.	C 551 10.69-JP (Vol. I)	Demands by several members of Parliament for setting up a fresh enquiry commission to probe afresh into the circumstances leading to disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose
3.	C 551 10 69 - JP (Vol. II)	Netaji Enquiry Committee - Findings
4.	C 551 4 67 - JP	Presentation of the Sword of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose by Lt. General Iwaichi Fujiwara, a retired Japanese army officer - General Fujiwara's suggestion regarding Joint Indo-Japanese Probe into death of Netaji
5.	C 551 8 70 - JP (Vol. I)	Fresh Probe into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose

2. NGO Section may kindly see.

3. It may be mentioned here that we have asked for some more files from RM Section which will be sent to NGO Section as soon as these are received.

C 551 8 70
23/8/01
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Director (EA)

Director (CNV)

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No.25/4/NGO.Vol.VI
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry looking into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has asked us to send them the exhibits/documents called for by and /or filed before the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee alongwith the complete proceeding of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee incorporating the orders/directions passed by the said Committee from time to time.

EA Division(JK Registry) had earlier forwarded to NGO Section some files on the proceedings of Shah Nawaz Khan Committee, 1956, vide their notes no. C/551/14/90-JP dated 16.05.2000, S-470/EAI/2000 dated 08.12.2000, No.Nil dated 08.01.2001 and S-34/EAI/01 dated 18.01.2001. The relevant files had been sent by NGO to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry but as per the Commission, these files do not contain the complete proceedings / exhibits/documents called for by the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee. Therefore, the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked us to provide all these documents.

In view of the above, Director(China) is kindly requested to direct JK Registry to send us all the remaining documents pertaining to the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee which may be in their possession or may be available in the R&M Section to enable us to forward them to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

As the Commission desired to have these documents immediately, urgent action is requested.

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(Narinder Chauhan)
Director (CNV)
July 5, 2001.

Director (China)

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Sub: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

JS(AMS&CNV) may kindly refer to his Note No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated the 21st December, 2001 on the above mentioned subject.

No material relevant to the Inquiry is available in this Division.

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(K.S. Bharti)
Deputy Secretary(Pak)
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Ministry of External Affairs
LAC Division

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Sub : Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the Alleged
Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

Ref. JS(AMS)'s note No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VII of 21.12.2001
requesting LAC Division to go through its records to check material
evidence in connection with the objectives and purposes of the
Commission. This division has checked its records and has no papers
on the above issue.

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Kheya Bhattacharya
(Dr. Kheya Bhattacharya)
Director(LAC)
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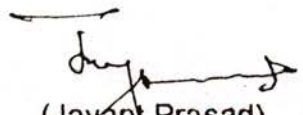
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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)
21st December, 2001

To

All Heads of Territorial Divisions

could you please check your files and confirm that nothing of this sort is available with you.
pl. check. & give me a report.
US (LAC)
24/12/01
US (S)
We do not have US(S). any paper available in the section.
I also have no any paper on this.
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[फा. सं. VI/11034/18/98-आई.एस.(डी-III)]

निखिल कुमार, विशेष सचिव

MINISTRY OF AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 14th May, 1999

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And, whereas there has been a consistent demand for a further inquiry into the matter;

And, whereas the Calcutta High Court also directed the Government of India for a vigorous inquiry in accordance with Law, if necessary, by appointing a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of giving an end to this controversy;

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And whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an indepth inquiry into a definite matter of a public importance, namely, the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945;

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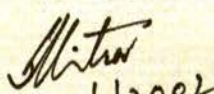
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Ref: Dy No. 98/EA/2/2002 - FR

The Communication (No I/2014/20/2001-15 D-III dated 18-10-2001) mentioned in the FR was forwarded to us by NGo in October 2001 and we had replied to that. A copy of NGo's noting is attached for reference. We may forward the FR to NGo. Section for necessary action.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/ Kolkata, dated, December 6, 2001

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the U.O. No. I/12014/20/2001-IS D-III dated October 18, 2001 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, a copy of which was endorsed to the Commission and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in response to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/317 dated September 20, 2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and to request you to take necessary action, as suggested in the said U.O. note, particularly in para 2 thereof, and expedite your reply regarding correctness or otherwise of the P.T.I. report dated United Nations of January 13, 1971 as referred to therein.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Record has been checked in PA-II

Section, there are no previous pps in the PA-II

Section. We may

request EA Division to check the movement of pps at their end.

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EA Divn? Pl check

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Please discuss Shri Abbas Salim 12/12

Ad in EA. Divn may 1/2002. We don't have papers on this. Should be sent to Southern Division for advice. US(CH/PA) EA Division. May 12/01. What is the postbox? US(OK) 11/11

D.No. 7730/NGO/01 — FR

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"Did the MEA receive any official reference in respect of Shri A. Guha's letter, either from PMO or any other quarter."

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22/10/2001

Dir(CNV)

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Dir(CNV)
22/10/2001

NGO

Following an examination of the records available in this Section, it is seen that no reference of Sh. A. Guha's letter was received either from PMO or any other source.

However, we may ^{also} check with JK Registry if they had received any such reference.

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Ref: above.

No such reference was received in this section as per records.

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(IS-I) Division

Prime Minister's Office may please find enclosed a copy of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(2) dated 18 Sept'2001 enclosing therewith the Minutes dated 21.12.98 of Shri Brajesh Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister and copies of two letters dated Oct'10, 1998 of Shri Bijan Ghosh, Advocate addressed to the Prime Minister and dated Jan'23, 1999 of Professor Amalendu Guha addressed to the Prime Minister regarding removal of the name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from the list of War Criminals.

It is requested that the matter referred to above may please be examined in the Prime Minister's Office in consultation, if necessary, with Ministry of External Affairs and to send a response directly to the Commission.

Encl:- As above.

(Mukesh Mittal)
Deputy Secretary (IS-I)

Prime Minister's Office (Shri Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary), South Block, New Delhi.

MHA UO No.I/12014/20/2001-IS D-III

Dated, the 18th Oct., 2001.

- ✓ 1. Copy along with enclosures forwarded for information and necessary action to Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi.
2. Copy for information to Shri M. Roy, Officer on Special Duty, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, 'B' Block (3rd Floor) 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087.

Did the MHA
receive any official
response in respect of
Shri A. Guha's letter, either from
PMO or any other quarters.

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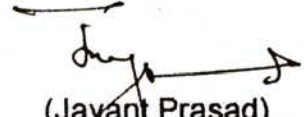
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Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)
21st December, 2001

To

All Heads of Territorial Divisions

Spoken to SO(EW).
Kindly indicate if there
is any paper related to this
in EW Div.

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in EW Division
SO(NGO) 8/1/02
Sh MH
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A. check.
B 28/12/01

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papers on this?
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SO(NGO)

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3. The Commission shall also examine the manner in which the exercise of Scrutiny of Publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances.

4. The Commission shall submit its report to the Central Government as soon as possible but not later than six months from the date of publication of this notification.

5. The headquarters of the Commission shall be at New Delhi, and/or any other place as determined by the Commission.

6. The Central Government is of the opinion that, having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, all the provisions of sub-section(2), sub-section(3), sub-section(4) and sub-section(5) of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) should be made applicable to the said Commission and the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(1) of the said section 5, hereby directs that all the provisions of the said sub-sections (2) to (5) of that section shall apply to the Commission.

[F. No. VI/11034/18/98-IS(D.III)]

NIKHIL KUMAR, Spl. Secy.

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(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)
21st December, 2001

To
All Heads of Territorial Divisions

(WANA Singh)

NIL Report as per available records


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[F. No. VI/11034/18/98-IS(D.III)]

NIKHIL KUMAR, Spl. Secy.



Vikas Swarup
Counsellor(Pol)

भारत का हाई कमीशन, लन्दन
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INDIA HOUSE
ALDWYCH
LONDON WC2B 4NA

Lon/Pol/103/17/00

January 11, 2002

Dear Navinder,

I had received a letter from Shri H.D. Singh, Deputy Director of Archives, National Archives, regarding permission from Her Majesty's Stationery Office for acquisition of a file required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

I had written to Her Majesty's Stationery office and I am enclosing a copy of the reply received from them for your information and record.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vikas Swarup)

Smt. Narender Chauhan
Director(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
NEW DELHI

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Dear Counsellor

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Thank you for your letter dated 28 December.

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Yours sincerely



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D. O. No JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/
70/499.

Date : 9th January 2002.

From: Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

S.no. 37/c

S.no. 50/c

Dear Smt. Chauhan,

In continuation of my d.o. letter no. JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/492 dated 03.01.2002 in reply to your d.o. Letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 18.12.2001, I am to say that the Commission proposes to visit Japan in the second half of March, 2002 and the duration of the visit in Japan may be two to three weeks, depending upon the number of witnesses available for examination and the places of their examination. In that view of the matter, you will appreciate, exact duration of stay in Japan cannot be said until the requisite details of the witnesses asked for in my above-quoted d.o. letter dated 03.01.02 are received. After receiving the requisite details from your end, the tour programme in details will be drawn up and communicated to you for onward communication to the Indian Embassy in Tokyo for necessary action.

It may be added here that in course of the same visit the Commission proposes to visit Taiwan and some other related places in that region.

Warm Regards,

Yours sincerely,

P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)

To
Smt. Narinder Chauhan,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
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Date : 3rd January 2002.

From: Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

Dear Smt. Chauhan,

Sno. 26/c

Inviting reference to your d.o. letter no.25/4/
NGO-Vol.VII dated December 5, 2001, I am to state that
the full names of the witnesses in Formoza have not
been furnished in the reference book titled "Netaji
Mystery". I am, however, directed to send herewith
the names of the witnesses examined by Justice Khosla
Commission in Taipei, as indicated against serial
nos. 203 to 213 in the Appendix I to that report, and
to request you to take necessary effective steps so
that the requisite details of the said witnesses are
collected and sent to the Commission as expeditiously
as possible.

Warm Regards,

Yours sincerely,

P.K. Sengupta

To : Smt. Narinder Chauhan,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
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APPENDIX I

List of witnesses examined by the commission

S. No. of witness	Name of Witness	Date	Place	Volume No.	Pages
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1.	Shri Shah Nawaz Khan	16-10-70	New Delhi	I	1-120
		23-12-70	New Delhi	III	799-901
		24-12-70	New Delhi	III	902-975
		27-9-72	New Delhi	XIII	4001-4048
2.	Dr. Satya Narain Sinha	17-10-70	New Delhi	I	121-201
		2-11-70	Calcutta	I	319-405
		3-11-70	Calcutta	II	405-491
3.	Shri Deb Nath Das	19-10-70	New Delhi	I	202-289
		20-10-70	New Delhi	I	290-338
		18-12-72	New Delhi	XV	4308-4383
4.	Shri Suresh Chandra Bose	3-11-70	Calcutta	II	492-513
		17-11-70	Calcutta	II	723-744
		18-11-70	Calcutta	II	751-772
		17-8-72	Calcutta	XII	3603-3625
5.	Shri Kalipada Dey	4-11-70	Calcutta	II	514-543
6.	Shri G. C. Sanyal	4-11-70	Calcutta	II	544-561
		6-11-70	Calcutta	II	562-603
7.	Shri Sasadhar Majumdar	6-11-70	Calcutta	II	604-611
8.	Shri S. M. Goswami	16-11-70	Calcutta	II	612-671
		18-11-70	Calcutta	II	783-798
9.	Dr. B. N. Roy	16-11-70	Calcutta	II	692-722
10.	Shri Sansul Zaman	17-11-70	Calcutta	II	745-750
11.	Shri Ramesh Chandra Chandra	18-11-70	Calcutta	II	773-782
12.	Shri M. L. Sondhi	24-12-70	New Delhi	III	976-1000
13.	Shri Hira Lal Dixit	24-12-70	New Delhi	III	1001-1005
14.	Shri Sajjan Lal Totla	24-12-70	New Delhi	III	1006-1008
15.	Shri Nawal Singh	28-12-70	New Delhi	III	1009-1027
16.	Shri Uttam Chand Malhotra	28-12-70	New Delhi	III	1028-1077
		29-12-70	New Delhi	III	1078-1169
		30-12-70	New Delhi	IV	1170-1247
		25-9-72	New Delhi	XIII	3938
17.	Shri P. S. Luvania	30-12-70	New Delhi	IV	1248-1267
18.	Shri Bhanu Prasad Umashankar Trivedi	30-12-70	New Delhi	IV	1268-1292
19.	Shri Gurbachan Singh	31-12-70	New Delhi	IV	1293-1296
20.	Shri Sharda Prasad Upadhyaya	31-12-70	New Delhi	IV	1297-1298
21.	Shri Sham Lal Jain	31-12-70	New Delhi	IV	1299-1361
		4-1-71	New Delhi	IV	1362-1400
22.	Shri Namvar Upadhyaya	4-1-71	New Delhi	IV	1401-1422
23.	Shri U. C. Sharma	4-1-71	New Delhi	IV	1423-1432
		5-1-71	New Delhi	IV	1433-1452

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24.	Shri Brijendra Swaroop	5-1-71	New Delhi	IV	1453 -- 1469
25.	Shri Mahesh Chandra	5-1-71	New Delhi	IV	1467 -- 1472
26.	Shri Raja Ram Dixit 'Neeraj'	5-1-71	New Delhi	IV	1473 -- 1511
27.	Shri Mool Chand Arya	5-1-71	New Delhi	IV	1512 -- 1515
28.	Shri S. C. Sengupta	6-1-71	New Delhi	IV	1516 -- 1631
29.	Shri S. A. Iyer	20-1-71	Bombay	V	1611 -- 1711
		21-1-71	Bombay	V	1715 -- 1767
		18-10-72	Bombay	XIV	4063 -- 4127
		19-10-72	Bombay	XIV	4127
30.	Shri E. Bhaskaran	21-1-71	Bombay	V	1768 -- 1774
		19-10-72	Bombay	XIV	4112 -- 4126
31.	Dr. S. K. Joshi	21-1-71	Bombay	V	1775 -- 1778
32.	Shri Usman Patel	21-1-71	Bombay	V	1779 -- 1783
		22-1-71	Bombay	V	1784 -- 1789
		28-9-72	New Delhi	XIII	4019 -- 4062
33.	Shri S. S. Padheye	22-1-71	Bombay	V	1790 -- 1792
34.	Shri M. A. Jamal	22-1-71	Bombay	V	1793 -- 1795
35.	Shri M. S. Doshi	22-1-71	Bombay	V	1796 -- 1801
36.	Shri R. B. Vermani	22-1-71	Bombay	V	1802 -- 1801
37.	Col. B. S. Raturi	1-3-71	New Delhi	V	1820 -- 1839
38.	Shri Jagdish Kodesia	1-3-71	New Delhi	V	1840 -- 1877
39.	Shri Madan Mohan Prabhakar	2-3-71	New Delhi	V	1878 -- 1900
40.	Shri Ram Surat Ram	2-3-71	New Delhi	V	1901 -- 1912
41.	Col. Mahboob Ahmed	3-3-71	New Delhi	V	1913 -- 1912
42.	Col. Thakur Singh	3-3-71	New Delhi	V	1943 -- 1959
		3-3-71	New Delhi	V	1974 -- 1975
43.	Swami Nirwanananda	3-3-71	New Delhi	V	1960 -- 1973
44.	Shri Hem Raj Batai	3-3-71	New Delhi	V	1976 -- 1978
45.	Lt. Gen. Fujiwara	30-3-71	Tokyo	VI	1983 -- 1993
46.	Mr. Tadashi Ando	30-3-71	Tokyo	V	1994 -- 1999
47.	Mr. Tadao Sakai	31-3-71	Tokyo	VI	2006 -- 2016
48.	Mr. Attur Saiy Jain	31-3-71	Tokyo	VI	2030 -- 2005
49.	Mr. K. V. Narain	2-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2017 -- 2019
50.	Mr. Negishi	5-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2050 -- 2061
		8-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2161 -- 2191
51.	Mr. Hachia	6-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2062 -- 2096
52.	Mr. Koji Takamiya	6-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2097 -- 2109
53.	Col. Shiro Nonogaki	7-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2110 -- 2146
		8-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2155 -- 2161
54.	Mr. Watanabe	8-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2117 -- 2151
55.	Mr. Ahira Kyuru	10-4-71	Kobe	VI	2192 -- 2194
56.	Mr. M. J. Patel	10-4-71	Kobe	VI	2195
57.	Mr. D. C. Gupta	10-4-71	Kobe	VI	2196
58.	Mr. Bhagwandas Mulkhraj Jhaveri	10-4-71	Kobe	VI	2197
59.	Mr. Ram Singh Gulani	10-4-71	Kobe	VI	2198
60.	Mr. Hans Raj	10-4-71	Kobe	VI	2199

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61.	Mr. Tatsuo Hayashida	12-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2200-2225
62.	Mr. J. Murai	12-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2226-2253
63.	Mr. Taro Kono (Major)	13-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2251-2288
64.	Mr. Koji Asada	14-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2342-2348
65.	Mr. Takashashi	13-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2289-2302
66.	Mr. Shigetaka Sugiyama	14-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2303-2334
67.	Mr. Kenichi Sakai	14-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2335-2341
68.	Mr. Suburo Isoda	16-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2349-2359
69.	Mr. Yoshio Ishii (Dr.)	16-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2360-2401
70.	Lt. Col. Masanari Shibuya	22-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2407-2419
71.	Mr. Morio Takakura	23-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2420-2441
72.	Dr. Taneyashi Yoshino	23-4-71	Tokyo	VI	2443-2454
73.	Shri T. L. Sasivarna Thever	24-4-71	Miyazaki	VI	2455-2478
74.	Shri R. Srinivasa Iyengar	7-7-71	Madras	VII	2479-2491
75.	Maj. Gen. S. C. Allagappan	7-7-71	Madras	VII	2492-2494
76.	Shri M. Ramanurti	8-7-71	Madras	VII	2498-2509
77.	Shri M. Sivaraman	7-7-71	Trivandrum	VII	2510-2529
78.	Shri K. P. Kesava Menon	12-7-71	Trivandrum	VII	2530-2536
79.	Dr. S. Vasava Menon	13-7-71	Trivandrum	VII	2542-2545
80.	Col. (Dr.) B. Ramachandra Rao	13-7-71	Trivandrum	VII	2547-2541
81.	Dr. B. M. Bhuyan	11-4-71	Trivandrum	VII	2546-2559
82.	Lt. Col. (Dr.) B. M. Pattanayak	9-8-71	Puri	VII	2565-2589
83.	Shri Datta Jagtap	9-8-71	Puri	VII	2590-2593
84.	Shri P. M. Karapurkar	10-8-71	Puri	VII	2594-2601
85.	Shri S. P. Kathimath	23-8-71	Panjin	VII	2602-2617
86.	Shri Dina Nath	23-8-71	Panjin	VII	2618-2620
87.	Shri Zora Singh	21-8-71	Panjin	VII	2621-2630
88.	Shri Gautam Bhardwaj	11-10-71	Rangoon	VIII	2631-2638
89.	Dr. Ita Maw	11-10-71	Rangoon	VIII	2639-2642
90.	Shri P. P. Narayanan	11-10-71	Rangoon	VIII	2643-2645
91.	Shri A. K. Chaudhury	12-10-71	Rangoon	VIII	2645-2648
92.	Shri S. S. Virik	14-10-71	Kaula Lampur	VIII	2649-2652
93.	Senator Dato Athi Nahappan	14-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2653-2657
94.	Datin (Mrs.) Athi Nahappan	14-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2658-2662
95.	Smt. R. Bhupalan	14-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2663-2665
96.	Dr. A. N. Ray	11-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2666-2668
97.	Smt. Anima Ray	14-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2669-2671
98.	Shri A. Gurupathan	15-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2672-2673
99.	Smt. Sateevathi Naidu	15-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2674-2675
100.	Shri K. N. S. Iyer	15-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2676-2678
101.	Shri K. P. N. Nair	15-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2679-2681
102.	Shri Xavier Saun	15-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2682-2684
		16-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2685-2686
			Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2687-2692

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103.	Shri Gandhi Nathan	16-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2693-2694
104.	Shri Chatter Singh	16-10-71	Kuala Lumpur	VIII	2699
105.	Shri V. Sany	19-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2700-2701
106.	Shri M. Micheal	19-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2702
107.	Shri Syed Muntaz Hussain Shah	19-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2703-2706
108.	Shri H. Mohinder Singh	19-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2707-2708
109.	Shri Meharvan Singh	19-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2709-2710
110.	Shri S. Abdul Jabbar alias Jaffar	19-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2711
111.	Shri N. M. Kengaraju	20-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2712-2713
112.	Shri N. Kurupiah	20-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2713-2716
113.	Shri G. Sarangapani	21-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2717-2718
114.	Shri Kashi Nath Yadav	21-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2719-2720
115.	Shri Sadhu Singh	21-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2721
116.	Shri Hardit Singh	21-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2722-2723
117.	Shri John Jacob	22-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2724-2725
118.	Shri S. Ramanujam	22-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2726-2727
119.	Shri Bhulan Yadav	22-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2728
120.	Shri George Cheah	22-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2729-2731
121.	Shri Chhedi Rai Sharma	22-10-71	Singapore	VIII	2732
122.	Shri P. G. S. Nair	25-10-71	Penang	VIII	2733-2735
123.	Shri Harbans Singh	25-10-71	Penang	VIII	2736-2737
124.	Shri P. S. Patel	25-10-71	Penang	VIII	2738-2739
125.	Shri Joga Singh	25-10-71	Penang	VIII	2740-2741
126.	Shri V. P. Thomas	25-10-71	Penang	VIII	2742
127.	Shri N. K. Menon	25-10-71	Penang	VIII	2743-2744
128.	Shri T. B. Gopal Krishna	25-10-71	Penang	VIII	2745
129.	Shri Balwant Singh	25-10-71	Penang	VIII	2746-2747
130.	Shri Harbans Singh	26-10-71	Penang	VIII	2748-2749
131.	Shrimati Satwant Kaur	26-10-71	Penang	VIII	2750
132.	Shri M. K. Mathu Ramalingam Pillai	26-10-71	Penang	VIII	2751-2753
133.	Shri Lal Singh	26-10-71	Penang	VIII	2751-2755
134.	Shri D. S. Joshi	26-10-71	Penang	VIII	2756
135.	Shri Pratap Singh	28-10-71	Bangkok	VIII	2757-2759
136.	Shri C. Rai Narula	28-10-71	Bangkok	VIII	2757-2759
137.	Shri Ram Lal Sachdeva	29-10-71	Bangkok	VIII	2760-2762
138.	Shri S. T. Mehtani	29-10-71	Bangkok	VIII	2762-2766
139.	Shri Darshan Singh Bajaj	1-11-71	Bangkok	VIII	2767-2768
140.	Shri Ishar Singh	1-11-71	Bangkok	VIII	2769-2772
141.	Shri M. K. Unnithan	1-11-71	Bangkok	VIII	2772-2774
142.	Shri Alma Ram Jain	4-11-71	Bangkok	VIII	2775-2778
143.	Shri S. G. Mehtani	4-11-71	Bangkok	VIII	2779-2780
144.	Shri C. U. Chandiramani	4-11-71	Bangkok	VIII	2782-2793
145.	Siri Abdul Hameed	4-11-71	Bangkok	VIII	2794
146.	Shri Mulka Govind Reddy, M.P.	30-5-72	New Delhi	IX	2814-2817

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147.	Shri H. V. Kamath	31-5-72	New Delhi	IX	2843—2881
		1-6-72	New Delhi	IX	2882—2911
148.	Prof. Samar Guha, M.P.	2-6-72	New Delhi	IX	2912—2960
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		29-3-73	New Delhi	XVI	4464—4489
149.	Shri T. L. Sundra Rao	5-7-72	New Delhi	IX	2961—2981
150.	Shri Barun Sengupta	6-7-72	New Delhi	IX	3002—3040
151.	Shri Prakash Vir Shastri	24-7-72	New Delhi	IX	3065—3074
152.	Shri S. R. Mirchandani	24-7-72	New Delhi	IX	3075—3096
153.	Shri Gulzara Singh	25-7-72	New Delhi	IX	3097—3130
154.	Shri Surendra Mohan Ghosh	25-7-72	New Delhi	X	3131—3147
155.	Shri Pritam Singh (Col.)	25-7-72	New Delhi	X	3148—3179
156.	Dr. R. M. Kazliwal	26-7-72	New Delhi	X	3180—3206
157.	Maj. S. Abid Hassan	26-7-72	New Delhi	X	3207—3251
158.	Shri R. C. Iyer	7-8-72	New Delhi	XI	3267—3277
159.	Shri S. K. Uppal	7-8-72	New Delhi	XI	3278—3280
160.	Shri Krishna Murari Lal Saxena	7-8-72	New Delhi	XI	3281—3283
161.	Shri B. N. Mullick	8-8-72	New Delhi	XI	3285—3342
162.	Shri Dwijendra Nath Bose	8-8-72	New Delhi	XI	3343—3391
		9-8-72	New Delhi	XI	3392—3414
		11-8-72	New Delhi	XI	3597—3602
163.	Shri A. Jayaram	9-8-72	New Delhi	XI	3315—3420
164.	Shri A. M. Sahay	9-8-72	New Delhi	XI	3421—3463
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		11-8-72	New Delhi	XI	3547—3571
165.	Shri Aurobindo Bose	11-8-72	New Delhi	XI	3572—3596
166.	Shri Satya Ranjan Bakshi	18-8-72	Calcutta	XII	3626—3648
167.	Shri P. C. Sen	4-9-72	Calcutta	XII	3649—3674
168.	Shri P. C. Chakravarty	5-9-72	Calcutta	XII	3675—3754
169.	Shri Sunil Das	6-9-72	Calcutta	XII	3755—3802
170.	Smt. Illa Pal Chaudhry	20-9-72	New Delhi	XIII	3803—3817
171.	Shri Kamal Guha	21-9-72	New Delhi	XIII	3818—3826
172.	Shri A. C. Das	21-9-72	New Delhi	XIII	3827—3851
173.	Shri Mukund Parekh	21-9-72	New Delhi	XIII	3852—3856
174.	Shri N. D. Majumdar	22-9-72	New Delhi	XIII	3857—3922
175.	Captain L. C. Talwar	25-9-72	New Delhi	XIII	3923—3937
176.	Dr. Pabitra Roy	25-9-72	New Delhi	XIII	3938—3975
177.	Shri Chiplakant Bhattacharya	26-9-72	New Delhi	XIII	3980—4000
178.	Shri K. K. Shah, Governor, Tamil Nadu	10-11-72	Madras	XIV	4128—4132
179.	Shri Jagdish Chandra Sinha	4-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4133—4141
		6-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4231—4271
180.	Shri Subosh Kr. Das of Hindustan Standard	4-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4142
181.	Shri Dhruba Chatterjee of Amrita Bazar Patrika	4-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4142
182.	Shri Amiya Nath Bose	4-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4143—4180

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183.	Dr. S. N. Dutt	5-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4181
184.	Li. N. B. Das	5-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4182-4189
185.	Dr. Ramesh Chandra Mazumdar	5-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4190-4217
186.	Shri Amitava Chowdhury	6-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4218-4230
187.	Shri Shyamal Chattopadhyay (Dr.)	6-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4272-4287
188.	Shri Brajagopal Mukherjee	6-12-72	Calcutta	XIV	4288-4290
189.	Shri Sangaika of Aizwal	7-12-72	Silchar	XV	4291-4307
190.	Shri Chandra Singh Rawat, M.L.A.	19-12-72	New Dehli	XV	4389-4414
191.	Air Vice Marshal D.A.R. Nanda	20-12-72	New Delhi	XV	4415-4418
192.	Shri Niranjan Singh Talib	20-12-72	New Delhi	XV	4419-4461
193.	Shri Chandra Pardasani	20-12-72	New Delhi	XV	4462-4463
194.	Shri Muharak Mazdoor	9-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4495-4517
195.	Shri Pradeep Bose	9-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4518-4549
196.	Shrimati Malabika Dutta	10-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4550-4557
197.	Shri Amar Majumdar	10-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4560-4572
198.	Shri Nikunja Bihari Haoldai	11-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4574-4578
199.	Major S. C. Kar	11-4-73	Calcutta	XVI	4579-4585
200.	Shri M. Maninder Singh	13-4-73	Moirang (Imphal)	XVI	4586-4589
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203.	Mr. Lai Min Yee	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4603-4610
204.	Mr. Tao Yung	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4611
205.	Mr. Lin Chun Chan	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4612-4617
206.	Mr. Lu Kuo Hwa	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4618-4620
207.	Mr. Chang Chuen	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4621-4636
208.	Mr. Lin Chuan	13-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4637-4643
209.	Mr. Kao Yun Tsung	14-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4644-4649
210.	Mr. Way Yun Peng	14-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4650-4651
211.	Mr. Lin Chin Yen	16-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4652-4653
212.	Mr. Rama Swaroop	17-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4656-4661
213.	Mr. Y. R. Tseng	17-7-73	Taipei	XVII	4662-4663
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218.	Shri D. N. Sharma	17-9-73	New Delhi	XVIII	4802-4803
219.	Shri Prem Bhatia	17-9-73	New Delhi	XVIII	4805-4807
220.	General Wadalia (Varinder Singh)	8-10-73	New Delhi	XVIII	4931-4934
221.	Shri V. P. Nanda	11-10-73	New Delhi	XVIII	4958-4960
222.	Shri Asok Gupta	18-10-73	New Delhi	XVIII	5004-5006
223.	Dr. Lokesh Chandra	19-10-73	New Delhi	XVIII	5013-5029
224.	Shri Vira Dhammavara	30-10-73	New Delhi	XVIII	5055-5059



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

January 04, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is with reference to your letter No.JM CI/Affidavit-Averments (Followup)/2000-2001/67/132 dated the 30th May 2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, asking for original/authenticated copies of certain documents mentioned in the petition of Shri Nandalal Chakravarty, before the Hon'ble Commission.

2. One of the documents mentioned in the petition, viz. a letter from Ambassador K.P.S. Menon in Moscow reporting on his call on Stalin, pertains to this Ministry and has been traced in our file. On scrutiny of the document, which dates back to February 1953, it is found that it has no reference at all to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The contents of the document are such that it is felt that it will not be appropriate to disclose them to the petitioner, particularly because it contains no reference to Netaji. However, should you so desire, we are willing to share the contents with the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission **for his information only**. If this proposal is acceptable to the Commission, the document in question could be shown to the Hon'ble Chairman during the Commission's next sitting in New Delhi. I would be grateful for your early advice.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Narinder Chauhan)
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JS(EE) may kindly see notes of Dir(CNV) and JS(AMS & CNV) on pre-page. May kindly give clearance with regard to the document at flag 'X', for further necessary action.

Submitted, please.

Shitra
24/12/01

JS(EE) has no objection to downgrading the letter at flag 'X' to 'Secret'.
As proposed at 'A' above - EED Division
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Dir(CNV) may kindly see. It may not be advisable to submit a "Secret" (Downgraded from T.S.) document to the Commission, since its confidentiality cannot be assured. This document, in any case, does not contain any reference to Netaji. It is for consideration if the letter should be submitted or we should write to the Commission stating that this document has no reference to Netaji. Another alternative could be to share the contents of the document with Justice Mukherjee only, to satisfy him that indeed there is no reference to Netaji in it.

Submitted for instructions, please.

Shitra
28/12/01

Dir(CNV)

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Director (CNV) may kindly consider/sign the fair letters placed below and may wish to keep JS (CNV) informed.
Submitted, please.

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Dir (CNV)

With particular ref to para 8 a/c, the letter is graded TS. If authenticated copy thereof is to be produced before the court, we may seek EE Div's views to downgrade it to 'Secret' (the letter, incidentally, does not contain any ref to Netaji).

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JS (CNV)

Grateful for clearance.

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JS (EE)

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- S.No. 23 — Issue
- S.No. 24 — Issue

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- S.No. 26 — Issue
- D.No. 8666/NGO/01 — S.No. 27 — Receipt
- S. 8741/NGO/01 — S.No. 28 — Receipt

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5. Another issue which needs to be considered is that of the proposed visit of the Commission to Taiwan. Director(EA) in his note of 11.9.2001(p.27/n in Vol.VI refers) had suggested that a visit by the Commission could be considered if and when relevant documents were found in Taiwan and their access allowed by the Taiwanese authorities. As already mentioned above, the ITA have confirmed that there are no relevant documents available in Taiwan. In view of this, it is now submitted for consideration whether modalities of the visit of the Commission to Taiwan should be worked out only after receipt of information from the ITA about the witnesses in Taiwan.

6. **FR III** : This is regarding submission of records containing the proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee and exhibits/documents/records called for by the Committee. We had informed the Justice Mukherjee Commission that the above records are not available in this Ministry. In response, the Commission has asked us to file an affidavit stating details of the searches conducted for locating the said documents. It may be mentioned here that since this subject has already been dealt with in para 1(i) above and, therefore, will be included in the affidavit which is required to be filed thereunder, no separate affidavit needs to be filed on the same issue.

7. **FR IV : Filing of original or authenticated copies of documents:** Ministry of Home Affairs, under directions of the Justice Mukherjee Commission, have asked us to identify out of the various documents mentioned in the affidavit filed by one Nandalal Chakrabarti those documents which pertain to this Ministry. Thereafter, the MHA is to be apprised of the position regarding identification of the documents.

8. After going through the list of the documents, only one is found to relate to this Ministry. This document, as per the affidavit filed before the Commission by Shri Nandalal Chakrabarti, is the "secret report of the then Indian Ambassador to Soviet Union, Shri K.P.S.Menon's interview with Stalin which dwelled on Netaji's existence in Soviet Russia in February, 1953". After a thorough search of the records available in this Section, we have found record of the interview which took place on 17th February, 1953 and is placed in our file No. 42/11/NGO. However, there is no mention of Netaji in any form in this document. Nevertheless, as per the directions of the Commission, the document is required to be filed before it. A decision is, therefore, required to be taken in consultation with the East Europe Division regarding the procedural aspects of submitting the document to the Commission.

9. The Commission had in its letter of 20.9.2001 asked for a detailed report on the efforts being made by our Mission in Moscow to locate certain witnesses in Russia. The detailed report has been received from Moscow. We may forward this to the Commission as per the **fair letter placed below. Thereafter, we will file an affidavit in the matter as directed by the Commission.**

31/12/2001

The next hearing of the Commission will be held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on December 19-20, 2001. We need to submit an affidavit to the Commission well before that date. The Affidavit is to be submitted by an officer not lower than the rank of Joint Secy. Out of the three points on which the affidavit is to be submitted, we have material for the affidavit in respect of no. (i) and (iii). Reply on point No. (ii) is to be based on the response from E/I, Washington. We may send a reminder to them. JS(CNV) may be required to be present to answer questions related to the submissions made in the Affidavit. Text of the Affidavit is being prepared.

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Reference FRs

1. **FR I:** The Justice Mukherjee Commission has asked for replies of the Ministry in the following issues in the form of affidavit which is to be submitted by an officer not lower than the rank of a Joint Secretary.

- i) Records relating to the Shah Nawaz Committee : We have already informed the Commission that no further records pertaining to the Shah Nawaz Committee are available in the Ministry. **An affidavit is now required to be filed explaining this position.**
- ii) Production of documents relating to Netaji from different countries like Russia, USA and U.K.: While the documents received from our Mission in Moscow have been forwarded to the Commission, our Mission in U.K. has informed that the matter has been taken up with the concerned authorities who have promised to revert on the issue. As regards USA, we are yet to receive a response from our Mission in Washington to our letter dated 25.5.2001 and subsequent reminders dated 7.9.2001 and 17.10.2001. We may, therefore, issue another reminder. **Fair letter in this connection is put up for signature please.**
- iii) Exhibit 29-I allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission by the Foreign Ministry in the Government of India which is allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the British Military Intelligence Department: We have already informed the Commission that the said exhibit could not be found in this Ministry. **An affidavit reiterating this position is now required to be filed.**

2. The Commission has further directed that on the next date of hearing, i.e., the 19th and 20th December, 2001 which will be held in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, the officer swearing the affidavit must be present to answer any questions that may be raised relating to their statements made therein.

3. **FR II:** This pertains to the Commission's proposed visit to Japan and Taiwan. In response to our letter of 17.10.2001 to the Commission seeking details of their requirements of staff, equipment and space in Japan for conducting the examination of witnesses, the Commission has enumerated all its requirements adding further that the size and composition of the delegation will be intimated after receipt of confirmation from our side regarding the arrangements asked for by it.

4. As regards Japan, we may convey the Commission's requirements to our Mission in Tokyo as per the **fair letter placed below**. However, as regards Taiwan, we may have to await feedback from EA Division regarding the witnesses whom the Commission wishes to examine. We may, in the meanwhile, send an interim reply to the Commission as per the **fair letter placed below**. We have already received a confirmation through the India-Taipei Association that there are no relevant documents available in Taiwan and that the same may be available only in Japan.

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Ministry of External Affairs
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MOST IMMEDIATE

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We have been directed by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to once again carry out a final search for all the documents related to the mandate of the Commission as indicated above, in order to maintain the veracity of the statement filed by the MEA before the Commission to the effect that the MEA has no further records available on the subject (other than those already transmitted to the Commission). The text of the Commission's mandate is attached.

In view of the above, you are requested to go through your records as carefully as possible in order that the MEA is not charged with inadvertent concealment of information or suppression of material evidence in connection with the objectives and purposes of the Commission. Your response may be sent to the undersigned as early as possible but not later than 20th January, 2002.


(Jayant Prasad)
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)
21st December, 2001

To

All Heads of Territorial Divisions

की उप धारा ॥2॥, उप धारा ॥3॥, उप धारा ॥4॥ और उप धारा ॥5॥ के सभी उपबंध उक्त आयोग को लागू किए जाने चाहिए और केन्द्रीय सरकार उक्त धारा 5 की उप धारा ॥1॥ द्वारा प्रयुक्त शक्तियों का प्रयोग करते हुए यह निदेश देती है कि उस धारा की उक्त उप धारा ॥2॥ से ॥5॥ तक के सभी उपबंध आयोग को लागू होंगे ।

[फा. सं. VI/11034/18/98-आई.एस.(डी-III)]

निखिल कुमार, विशेष सचिव

MINISTRY OF AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 14th May, 1999

S.O. 339(E).— Whereas the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and the Khosla Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Government of India in April, 1956 and July, 1970 respectively to inquire into and to report to the Government of India on the circumstances concerning the departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Bangkok about the 16th August, 1945, his reported death as a result of an air craft accident, and subsequent developments connected therewith had come to the conclusion that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose met his death in an air crash;

And, whereas there is a wide spread feeling among the public that the issue of finding the truth about Netaji's death still remains;

And, whereas there has been a consistent demand for a further inquiry into the matter;

And, whereas the Calcutta High Court also directed the Government of India for a vigorous inquiry in accordance with Law, if necessary, by appointing a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of giving an end to this controversy;

And, whereas a Motion was adopted on 24.12.1998 by the West Bengal Legislative Assembly wherein a demand has been made for a fresh inquiry into the matter to remove the mystery regarding the whereabouts of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

And whereas the Central Government is of the opinion that it is necessary to appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an indepth inquiry into a definite matter of a public importance, namely, the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (2) of section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952(60 of 1952), the Central Government hereby appoints a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee, a retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

2. The Commission shall inquire into all the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including:-

- (a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) if he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji;
- (d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

3. The Commission shall also examine the manner in which the exercise of Scrutiny of Publications touching upon the question of death or otherwise of Netaji can be undertaken by the Central Government in the circumstances.

4. The Commission shall submit its report to the Central Government as soon as possible but not later than six months from the date of publication of this notification.

5. The headquarters of the Commission shall be at New Delhi, and/or any other place as determined by the Commission.

6. The Central Government is of the opinion that, having regard to the nature of the inquiry to be made and other circumstances of the case, all the provisions of sub-section(2), sub-section(3), sub-section(4) and sub-section(5) of section 5 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) should be made applicable to the said Commission and the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section(1) of the said section 5, hereby directs that all the provisions of the said sub-sections (2) to (5) of that section shall apply to the Commission.

[F. No. VI/11034/18/98-IS(D.III)]

NIKHIL KUMAR, Spl. Secy.

To
the Secretary Ministry of
External Affairs.

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Memorandum to the Prime Minister's office,
Ministry of Home, Ministry of Defense and
Ministry of External Affairs.

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry was set up by the Govt. of India in response to a long standing public demand and following two decisions of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta. The latter stipulated the necessity of a fresh inquiry into Netaji's disappearance and full co-operation of the Govt. of India in regard to supply of all documents on Netaji.

Unfortunately, the Govt. of India, let alone being co-operative, has not so far been responsive in the proper sense of the term to the Hon'ble Commission's repeated demands for documents having significant bearing on the disappearance issue. "Documents destroyed" or "missing" - a convenient ploy for suppression of the truth, has already been resorted to. The specific orders for such destruction of files containing documents asked for, have not yet been sent to the Commission. Privilege has been claimed to certain documents on the grounds of public interest, affairs of state, adverse impact on relationship with friendly countries and lowering of Netaji's image. None of the grounds has been explained and pursuant to the Commission's demand for such explanations an Affidavit that was as elusive as the grounds themselves, was submitted to the Commission by

JS(EA)

In your
honour
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Dr. K. S. Sen
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the Home Secretary. Then there was all quiet on the Governmental front. The Affidavit in reply has not yet been responded to. Silence, it seems, has been found strategically most effective.

Files containing documents of historical and national importance are never destroyed, as construction of a nation's history is contingent upon it. If they have been destroyed for suppression of the truth or for any other reason, the "shadow files" of each of them must have been in Government's custody. Keeping "shadow files" has always been the ultimate guarantee of preserving the sources on the basis of which history is written. Such sources never wither away because in that case, a nation would be without any moorings in the past. A nation without its past is an absurdity par excellence.

If disclosure of documents exposes some heinous act of betrayal to the nation thereby tarnishing one's image, it becomes all the more necessary in public interest. After all, the present Commission was set up with the professed commitment to uncover the truth. And truth it is that the whole disappearance issue has so far been carefully jettisoned either through disinformation campaign or by being completely oblivious to the latest findings of the researchers from several Russian Archives. If there is a deep-rooted conspiracy, it is here period.

One wonders how disclosure of documents on Netaji is going to affect our relationship with certain friendly countries. To talk about friends, in this context, it surely refers to the friends of British India. A hidden agreement with them during the transfer of power for suppression of the truth, is not improbable. It helped perpetuate the privileged position of those who were sold out to the Raj for ambitions rooted in political power. But does the Government of India have any compulsion, even now, to keep that agreement alive ?

There must be something very seriously wrong somewhere. The Govt. of India never registered its formal protest in the U.N. against treating Netaji as a war criminal. Not did it ever come up with any answer whatsoever to the question why it signed in 1971 a U.N. treaty on extension of the time-limit for war criminal's trial especially in the context of war crimes committed in the World War II. Who were India's war criminals in 1971 in connection with the World War II ? The compulsion that has muted all answers to these intriguing questions must have outlived the inauguration of the Constitution of India and declaration of India's Democratic and Sovereign status. Power was transferred, but, not to a sovereign nation-state. One wonders.

The argument that such disclosures would lower Netaji's image is ridiculous. After the transfer of power display of Netaji's photograph was banned in military barracks and canteens, the first programme in the A.I.R. celebrating Netaji's birthday was banned and posthumous Bharat Ratna was awarded to Netaji equating him with not only lesser mortals but also with characters of dubious political credentials. All these and a lot more have already been done to bring him to ignominy with closely guarded secrets and a carefully nurtured cynicism about what really happened. But people's sentiment in this respect never underwent any fundamental change. No one has yet succeeded in lowering his image. No one should feel complacent about its future success. The possibility of lowering of Netaji's image is then only a convenient ruse for suppression of the truth.

What could be more clinching in this respect than the Prime Minister's recent visit to Japan's Renkoji Temple ? This is in gross violation of the law of the land. He has signed the visitors' book and reportedly has written therein, "I am happy to visit Renkoji for the second time, a place where the memories of India's great freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose lies

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secured" (Pioneer, December 10, New Delhi edition). Unless and until the alleged ashes allegedly preserved in Renkoji Temple are taken to be genuine the question of relating the temple to the "memory" of Netaji does not arise. In 1978 Mr Atal Behari Bajpayee, the then Minister of External Affairs, was present when Prime Minister Morarji

Desai declared on the floor of the Parliament that both the reports of Shah Nawaz Committee and Khosla Commission were difficult to accept as decisive in light of some "contemporary official documentary evidence." It was unanimously accepted in the Parliament. But Mr Bajpayee's visit to Renkoji Temple as Prime Minister of India has sought to give credence to the alleged ashes thereby accepting the alleged plane crash story. This is in spite of the fact that the veracity of the alleged ashes and the alleged plane crash is currently being examined by a Commission set up by his Government. The intention becomes all the more melafide in light of the fact that Renkoji Temple was completely gutted in a devastating fire in 1989. What Mr Bajpayee has witnessed is a newly constructed temple.

Such an act in flagrant disregard of all sense of probity and commitments underlying Prime Minister's oath of office makes the Commission's work infructuous. The entire scenario has never been as frustrating and outrageously resistant to unravelling the truth as it is now. Again, one wonders why ?

The hope that was generated by the present Govt.'s decision to form a Commission of inquiry can be revived again, before it is too late, by supplying all the files containing documents asked for, to the Commission. It is through disclosure of all documents on Netaji that the present impasse can come to an end. As such, we urge upon the different departments of the Govt. of India including Prime Minister's Office to provide the Commission with all the files for which demands have repeatedly been placed before

the Govt. of India. As a reminder of what we have already asked for, through the Commission but, of which the fate is still unknown, ^{some of} they^m are referred to once again in the Annexure~~s~~ to this Memorandum.

Dr. Purabi Roy

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Dr. Madhusudan Pal

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Prof. Rama Banerjee

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Prof. Nandalal Chakrabarti

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Sri Surajit Dasgupta

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Sri Tarun Kumar Mukherjee

Tarun K Mukherjee

Sri Rudrajyoti Bhattacharya

Rudra Jyoti Bhattacharya

Petitioners before Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry
And
Members, Netaji Bhavna Mancha.

Date: 19.12.2001

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NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION

LIST OF EXHIBITS MARKED AS 'COM NO' DURING
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Com. No.	OFFICE S.NO. ALLOTTED TO THE FILED	SUBJECT ETC.	PAGE NO.
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✓ [COM - 1	18	Serial No.82 (Page 119) in File No. c/551/67/JP. Letter from Shri J. C. Ajmani, Counsellor, Embassy of India, Japan, Tokyo dated 29.12.1967 address to Shri A.R. Deo, DS(EA) Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.	
✓ [COM - 2	18	File No. C/551/67/JP (Page 120). Note No. 136/ASW dated 20.12.1967 from the Japanese office, Tokyo.	✓
✓ [COM - 3	18	File No. C/551/67/JP-S, No. 84 (page 122) letter dated 18.1.1968 from Shri P. Vijai, Attached (E A) to Shri Ramesh Chandra Das, B.A. Head Master, Bagpur High School, Bagpur, (Assam).	
COM - 4	✓ 13	File No. 57/103/52-Poll(I)	
4(A)	13	S.No. 1 (Page1) Letter from Shri U. C. Malhotra dated 12.9.1962 to Home Minister.	
4(B)	13	Page 2 - Reply from Home Minister's Office to Shri U. C. Malhotra.	
4(C)	13	Page 3 - Letter sent to Shri U. C. Malhotra by Home Ministry on 30.10.1962.	
✓ [COM - 5	✓ 10	File No. 24(13)-FEA/55 of the Ministry of External Affairs.	
✓ [5(a)	✓ 10	Page 22 - Letter dated 24.7.1956 from Shri Hisaji Hattori, Chief of 4th Section (Japan) to Shri A. K. Dar, First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo.	

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5(b)	10	Page - 23 Statement dated 14.7.1956 from Bureau of Health and Hygiene - Taipei Municipal Office.	
5(c)	10	Page - 24(a) Statement in Chinese language.	
COM - 6	2	Page I - Letter dated 7.8.1972 from Shri S. C. Tandon, Joint Deputy Director, Intelligence Bureau, to Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission, forwarding some documents.	
6(A)	2	Pages 2 to 4. Finney's reported dated 5.10.1945.	17
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6(c)	2	Page 19 - Five photographs sent by GHQ, US ARMY FORCES, PACIFIC, Not published in the majority report but published in the Dissident Report of S. C. BOSE.	
6(D)	2	Page 20 - Extracts from CSDIC India Red Fort, Delhi, No.2 Section Report No. 1156 dated 31.12.1945 - Captain Habib-ur-Rehman Khan.	39
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7(A)	6	Page 1-4, Report dated 20.8.1949 from Inspector SESIII.	
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7(C)	6	Scaling plan (page 17) of Japanese Bomber carrying S. C. Bose and other according to Habib-ur-Rehman.	
7(D)	6	Report by Counter Intelligence Corps dated 29.9.45 by GHQ, AFPAC, on the death of Subhas Chandra Bose.	

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COM - 8	8	File Containing extracts from file no. <u>4/23/71-NG-Appendix 'D'</u> S.No. 61.	
8(A)	8	Page 121 - DIB U.O. No. SA/661 dated 2.4.1946 from Deputy Director (IB) to CSDIC(I) Red Fort, Delhi.	
8(B)	8	Page 122 - points for Re-interrogation of Capt. Habib-ur-Rehman. B1269.	
8(C)	8	Page 123 - Re-examination report No. 1400/23/SE dated 10.4.1946 on Capt. Habib-ur-Rehman. (Forwarding letter) -	
8(D)	8	Page 124 - Reinterrogation report of Capt. Habib-ur-Rehman, CSDIC(I).	
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10(B)	21	Page 18 - Certificate from Director Taiwan Provincial Library	
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COM - 11	7	Annexure 'A' - Reports submitted by I.B. regarding Sadhu of Shoulamari Ashram.	23
COM - 12	22	File No. 4/18/70-NC	
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29(H)	16	Page 45/A - Shri Nehru's note dated 2.4.1956 clarifying the position as asked by Shri Suresh Bose.	
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29(L)	16	Page 42/B - Letter dt. 19.10.1955 from Shri L. C. Talwar, General Secretary, Azad Hind Fauj Association.	

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COM - 29(M)	16	Page 40/A - Letter No. 583-PHO/55 dated 11.10.1955 from Shri J. L. Nehru to Shri B. C. Roy, Chief Minister West Bengal regarding Ashes of Shri Subhas Bose.	
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✓ 29(O)	16	Page 37/A - Telegram No. 6437 dt. 21.9.1955 from Foreign New Delhi to Indembassy, Tokyo regard ing Memorial Service held for Subhas Bose in Tokyo.	
29(P)	16	Page 33/A - Note dated 20.7.1955 from Shri J. L. Nehru regarding Memorial Services for Subhas Bose.	
29(Q)	16	Page 32/A - Letter No. 23(156) -PM dated 19.7.1954 from M. L. Bazaz, PS TO PM, to Chairman, Borhampore Municipality regarding Bose's death.	
29(R)	16	page 23/A - An extract from the proceedings of General Meeting of the Commissioners of Berhampore Municipality held on 7.7.1954.	
29(S)	16	page 22/A - Letter dated 21.1.1954 to Shri N. D. Mazumdar.	
29(T)	16	page 21/A - Letter dated 16.1.1954 from Shri N. D. Mazumdar to Shri J. L. Nehru sending two draft resolutions.	
29(T) (1)		page 21/B - Two draft resolutions.	
29(U)	16	page 19/A - Starred Question No. 561 ✓ dated 6.3.1953 Lok Sabha regarding Ashes of Subhas Bose.	
29(U) (1)		page 19/B - Note for supplementaries ✓ for the above questions.	
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COM - 29(W)	16	Page 16/A-DO No. 25/4/NGO dated 30.6.52 from Ministry of External Affairs to Shri S. A. Ayer.	
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29(Y)	16	Page 12/B - Cutting of Hindustan Standard dated 7th March 52.	
29(Y) (1)	16	Page 12/B-1/ - Cutting of Hindustan Standard dated 7.3.1952.	
29(Z)	16	Page 11/A-C. No. 33 4 dt. 5.3.1952 regarding S. A. Ayer's report.	
29(A) (A)	16	Page 9/A - Nehru's letter dt. 1.3.1952 to Shri B. C. Roy, regarding S. A. Ayer's report.	
29(B) (B)	16	Page 6/A - Nehru's note dated 26.9.51 regarding Shri Ayer's report.	
29(C) (C)	16	Page 5/A - Telegram No. 33 GS dt. 28.4.51 from India, Tokyo to Foreign, New Delhi.	
29(D) (D)	16	Page 4/A - Parliament Question No. 3285 dated 19.4.1952 by Shri Kamath regarding Netaji's death.	✓
29(E) (E)	16	Page 3/A - Parliament Question No. 2639 dated 29.3.1951 regarding 'Ashes'.	✓
29(F) (F)	16	Page 2/A - Ministry of External Affairs, No. D.1496-CJK/51 dt. 20.3.51.	
29(G) (G)	16	Page 1/A - Letter dated 22.a.1951 from Shri J. K. Bhonsle to Shri J. L. Nehru.	✓
COM - 30(A)	17	File No. 2(64)/56-66-PM-Vol.II/Page 81/A-Letter dated 12.5.1962 from Shri Suresh Bose to Shri J.L. Nehru regarding proof of alleged plane crash.	
30(B)	17	Page 82/A - Reply to Shri Suresh Bose by Shri J. L. Nehru.	

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COM - 30(C)	17	Page 83/A - Letter dt. 15.6.1962 from Shri Suresh Bose to Shri Behru.	
30(D)	17	Page 84/A - Reply dt. 26.6.1962 to Shri Suresh Bose by Shri Nehru.	
30(E)	17	Page 85/A - Letter dated 19.7.62 from Shri Suresh Bose to Shri Nehru.	
30(F)	17	Page 86/A - Reply dated 23.7.1962 to Shri Suresh Bose by Shri Nehru.	
30(G)	17	Page 87/A - Letter dt. 8.8.62 from Shri Suresh Bose to Shri Nehru.	
30(H)	17	Page 88/A - Reply dt. 12.8.1962 to Shri Suresh Bose by Shri Nehru.	
30(I)	17	Page 89/A - Letter dt. 28.8.62 from Shri (Prof) Atul Sen to Shri Nehru.	
30(J)	17	Page 90/A - Reply dated 31.8.1962 to Prof. Sen by Shri Nehru.	
30(K)	17	Page 91/A - Letter no. 133/62 dt. 3.9.62 from Shri N. L. Kanodia, General Secy., Delhi state Forward Block, regarding article published in Newspaper relating Baba of Shaulamari Ashram.	
30(L)	17	Page 92/A - Letter dt. 5.9.62 from prof. Sen to Shri Nehru.	
30(M) (1)	17	Page 93/A - Letter dated 4.10.62 from Shri S. M. Ghosh, M.P. to Shri J. L. Nehru.	
30(M) (2)	17	Page 93/B - Report on Shaulmari Sadhu submitted by Shri S. M. GHOSE.	
30(N)	17	Page 94/A - Letter No. F/SC/242/62 dt. 6.10.1962 from Shri Remani Ranjan Das Secretary, Shaulmari Ashram regarding 'Demands appology from Shri S. N. Khan'.	
30(O)	17	Page 95/A - Rajya Sabha S. Question 131 dt. 13.11.62 by Shri Nawab Singh Chauhan regarding Sadhu's resemblance with Netaji.	

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COM - 30(P)	17	Page 101/A - Letter dated 15.4.63 ✓ from Shri Vijay, Editor, India Reformer.	
30(P)(1)	17	Page 102/A - Letter No. 1032-PMH/63 dated 18.4.1963 from Shri J. L. Nehru to Shri Vijay of India Reformer.	
30(Q)	17	Page 126/A - Letter No. 2(64)/66-63-PM dated 23.5.1963 from Shri K. Ram to Shri B. N. Mullik, Director, IB.	
30(R)(2)	17	Page 112/A - Letter No. III(2162(6) dt. 12.6.63 forwarding a Note ✓ on K. K. Bhandari (from IB TO PPS TO PM)	
30(S)(2)	17	Page 112/B - Note on the activities of Shri K. K. Bhandari.	
30(S)	17	Page 121/A - Rajya Sabha Question No. 194 dated 22.8.1963 by Shri R. D. Khosbragade on Netaji's name ✓ in the list of war criminals.	
30(T)	17	Page 126/A - Letter dt. 7.9.1963 from Shri K. Ram, PPS to PM to Shri B. N. ✓ Mullick, Director, IB.	
30(U)	17	Page 127/A - Letter dated 19.9.1963 from Swami Vijayananda of Bharat Sevashram Sangha Calcutta. ✓	
30(U)(1)	17	Page 126/A - Reply from Shri J. L. Nehru to Swami Vijayananda dt. 22.9.1963. ✕	
30(V)(1)	17	Page 141/A - Top Secret Letter No. III(SI)/63(6) dated 16.11.1963 from Shri B. N. Mullick DIB to Shri K. Ram. PPS to RM, regarding Shourlmari Ashram.	
30(V)(2)	17	Page 141/B - Letter dt. 21.10.63 from I.B., CID, Calcutta to IB new Delhi.	
30(V)(3)	17	Page 141/C - English translation of a Bengali leaflet published from the Shaulmari Ashram.	
30(V)(4)	17	Letter F/SC/148/63 dt. 30.8.63 from Shri Ramani Ranjan Das, Shoulmari Ashram.	

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C OM - 30(W)	17	Page 147/A - Letter dt. 3.2.1964 from Mr. Masato Nagamine of Japan regarding Ashes of Netaji.	
30(X)	17	Page 153/A - Letter dt. 20.4.1964 from Shri Amiya Nath Bose to Shri J.L. Nehru.	
30(Y)	17	Page 154/A - Prime Minister's reply dt. 22.4.1964 to Shri Amiya Bose.	
30(Z)	17	Page 155/A - Letter dated 28-4-1964 from K. Ram, PPS to PM addressed to Shri R. K. Baldulkar, All India Forward Block, Chindwara (MP)	
30(AA)	17	Page 176/A - Letter No. 1217-FWO/64 dt. 2.9.1964 from Shri L. B. Shastri to Shri P. C. Sen, Chief Minister, West Bengal.	
30(BB)	17	Page 177/A - Reply dt. 8.9.1964 from Shri P. C. Sen to Shri Shastri.	
COM - 31	1	F.4/23/71-NC Page 143 - Affidavit of IB Shri A. K. Banerjee, IAS Joint Secretary Government of West Bengal.	
COM - 32	1	Page 110/ - Letter No. 24/27/71-Poll.II dated 4.5.1973 from Shri R. C. Iyer, under Secretary, Home Affairs to Secretary, N.I. Commission.	
COM - 33	1	Page 147 - Affidavit of Shri Asok Gupta Under Secretary, Home Ministry.	
COM - 34(A)	1	Page 88 - Letter dt. 8.3.1973 from Shri R. C. Iyer, Under Secretary Home Ministry to Shri S. L. Chopra Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission.	
✓ 34(B)	1	Page 89 - Copy of Letter No. TOK.551(6) 70 dated 19.2.1973 from Shri Arif Hussain Embassy of India, Tokyo to Ministry of External Affairs.	

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COM - 35(A)	1	Page 151 - D.O. Letter No. 24/27/71- POLL II dated 6.11.1973 from Shri Asok Gupta Under Secretary, Home Ministry to Shri S. L. Chopra, Secretary, Netaji Inquiry Commission.	
✓ 35(B)	1	Page 152 - Letter dt. 20.10.1973 from External Affairs to Shri Asok Gupta, Under Secretary, Home Ministry.	
✓ 35(C)	1	Page 153 - Letter dt. 8.10.1973 from High Commission, London to External Affairs Ministry.	
35(D)	1	Page 154 - Forwarding letter regarding death of Subhas Chandra Bose by Capt. Yoshimi Taniyoshi.	
COM - 36(A)	10	Page 43 - Letter No. 45/3781 dt. 4.7.56 from Shri C. K. Yen, Chairman, Taiwan Provincial Government.	
36(B)	10	Page 45 - Translation (Report) dt. 27.6.1956 - Foreign Affairs of the Taiwan Provincial Government.	
✓ COM - 37(A)	24	F.No. C/125/4/65/JP-Page 9 - Parliament Question No. 623 dt. 29.3.65 Re; Netaji Subhas Bose.	✓
COM - 38	14	PS/56/NEG - Letter dated 19.6.56 from Shri S. N. Khan to B. N. Datar, Home Minister.	
COM - 39	14	Letter dt. 29.6.56 from Shri S. N. Khan to Shri B. R. Sen.	
COM - 40(A)	20	File No. C/551/4/69/JP - Page 14 - Letter dt. 5.5.1969 from Dr. N. B. Khare to Shri Y. B. Chauhan, H.M.	✓
40(B)	20	Page 15 - Appendix to Com. 40(A).	

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COM - 41	15	F.25/4/NGO-Vol.III - Page 23/A - Letter dated 12.9.1951 from Shri Sri Prakasa to Shri J. L. Nehru.	✓
COM - 42(A)	15	Page 33/A - Letter dt. 24.9.1951 from Shri S. A. Iyer to Shri J. L. Nehru.	
42(B)	15	Page 33/B - Report of S. A. Iyer on the death of Subhas Bose.	
✓ COM - 43(A)	15	Page 35/A - Letter dt. 28.9.1951 from Shri <u>S. Dutt</u> to Shri A. M. Sahay.	
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43(C)	15	Page 50/A - Letter dt. 17.1.1952 from Shri A. M. Sahay to Shri Dutt.	
43(D)	15	Page 50/B - Report dt. 15.1.1962 by Shri A. M. Sahay regarding alleged plane crash.	
✓ COM - 44(A)	15	Page 67/A - D.O. letter 5.2.1956 from Shri B. R. Sen, Tokyo to Shri S. Dutt.	
44(B)	15	Page 67/B - Note dt. 31.1.1956 translation of Japanese note sent by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Japan. (The Gaimusho)	
COM - 45	25	Translation from Japanes to English (from tape) - conversation between Shri Amiya Nath Bose and Mr. Kaso Sato.	✓
✓ COM - 45(A)	20	C/551/4/69-JP-Page 81 - Letter dt. 7.10.69 from Indian Embassy Japan. to M.E.A.	
45(B)	20	Page 82 - Press translation - Yosiuri Shimbun.	
COM - 47		INA Treasures of then handing by Messrs Iyer & Remamurthy.	

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1. The 'Contemporary Official documentary records' on the basis of which Prime Minister Morarji Desai refused to accept the reports of Shahnawaz Committee and Khosla Commission as conclusive in 1978 on the floor of the Parliament. Sri Desai's statement was reiterated by Sri Dhaniklal Mondal as the official stand of the Government on the floor of the Parliament on April 11 1979.
- ✓ 2. The secret report of the then Indian Ambassador to Soviet Union K.P.S. Menon's interview with Stalin which dwelled on Netaji's existence in Soviet Russia in February 1953. It was referred to in the Life Magazine dated the 27th February 1953.
3. Mountbatten's Diary (No.172 IN PRD) File No.4/23/71-N.C. of (1970) (Inquiry Commission) (Subject : 'Death of Chandra Bose' - Summary of records in the Mountbatten's Diaries).
4. R.C. Iyer's Affidavit dated June, 6, 1972 (Subject : Availability of General Mcarther's papers in the USA) referred to in the Affidavit of Shri Asok Gupta, Under Secretary to the Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs, submitted to the Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970) on 13th September, 1970.
5. Entire Report of SACSEA Commission 1, relating to Subhas Chandra Bose.
6. Entire Allied Secret Report, Subject : Subhas Chandra Bose.
7. Entire Report of SEATIC SECTION INTELLIGENCE ASSAULT UNIT. 7TH DIV ALF SIAM with all the SEATIC documents 128.
8. Entire Report of C.I.C. (Combined Intelligence Corp).
9. The entire report of S.A. Iyer placed before Netaji Inquiry Commission by the Government of India. As referred to in this report, Col. Tada told Mr. Iyer : "After the end of the war when Japan surrendered, Terrauchi took all responsibilities to help Netaji to reach Russian territory " (Netaji Inquiry Commission proceedings)
10. The urgent message of Mr.Finney, the Deputy Director of Intelligence Bureau of the British Government attached to Mc.Arthur's Head Quarter at Tokyo, sent to his higher authority in India.
11. The report of British Intelligence team's interrogation of General Bhonsle. (Report of Lt.Col. MCKWRIGHT, Exhibit No:COM/28/V)

12. Entire Proceedings of Netaji Inquiry Commission 1970.

✓ 13. All documents on Netaji and his disappearance that have hitherto been preserved in the Archives of U.S.A, Russia (especially those had been kept in erstwhile USSR), UK, Japan, Vietnam, China, Thailand, Burma, Singapore and Malayasia.

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Q. (41)

Further to my fax of December 14 regarding classified British files sought by the Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, we have received a reply from the Acting Head of the South Asian Department in the FCO stating the position with respect to these files.

I am enclosing a copy of the same for your information.

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Dear Hardeep,

During a meeting with Stephen Evans in September you handed over a note regarding official records on Subhas Chandra Bose. I am sorry for the delay in replying, however the aftermath of the events of 11 September caused us to lose sight of your original enquiry.

I understand from our Records and Historical Department (RHD) that our position on this issue remains as set out in the note of February 2000. Virtually all records that are more than 30 years old have been released to the Public Record Office or the British Library. A few relevant papers from the files of the intelligence and security agencies are withheld (with the approval of the Lord Chancellor in accordance with the Public Records Acts). These papers do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available at the British Library. They are withheld as a matter of principle, because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released, rather than because of their particular content. In addition, one paper from the files available at the British Library is withheld on the grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

Richard Bevin, RHD, told me that this position was explained to Justice Mukherjee (who is leading the Indian Government enquiry) and Vikas Swarup when they called on Records and Historical Department in July.

I am sorry if this adds little to what you already know.

Yours ever,
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Dated December 18, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

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Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
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To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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Encl: as above

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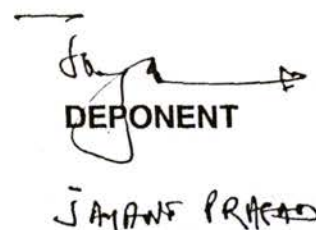
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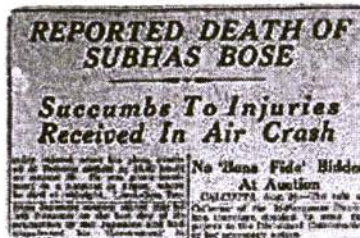
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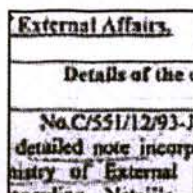
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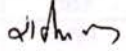
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The Enigma of Subhas Chandra Bose

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Public probe Lasting Impressions

By Sitanshu Das

On August 18, 1945, Subhas Chandra Bose was said to have died in an air accident at Taipei on Formosa Island. On this August 18, *Hindustan Times* closes the public probe it organised on the Internet into the unanswered doubts about how the Indian leader's life ended.

As we close the debate, we are forced to conclude that on present evidence it would seem improbable that Bose died on August 18, 1945, from burns he was said to have received in the air accident at Taihoku airport.

The public probe was, to the best of our knowledge, an unprecedented endeavour anywhere. It was made possible by the power of space communication. The sponsors of this investigation by Internet was on an unexplored area, and they were conscious of its pioneering limitations....contd

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Wife believed Bose was in USSR

'Crash was faked, Subhas lived on'

Emilie Schenkl-Bose believed that her husband Subhas Bose was alive in the USSR. Yet, she was forced to contend with people and officials, mostly Indian, who insisted that Renkoji Temple in Japan housed his ashes. Strange as it may seem, Indian governments never really supported any probe to establish what really happened to Subhas Bose.

- The latest government attempt to stymie the probe is reflected in Home Secretary Kamal Pande's refusal to share Subhas Bose files with the Mukherjee Commission.
- He says the disclosure of the files will harm public interest, evoke widespread reactions, lower the image of Bose and adversely affect diplomatic ties with friendly countries.
- In 1956, the Ministry of External Affairs told the Shah Nawaz Committee that "...any attempt to visit Formosa (the site of the crash) may well turn out to be embarrassing all round and lead to frustrating complications...."
- The Nehru Government was never in a mood to institute a probe. It was only when the Calcutta-based Netaji Smarak Samiti decided on October 6, 1955 to institute a non-official enquiry that the Shah Nawaz Committee was instituted

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The Secret files: These two documents are just a few among the many Government files held back from the Mukherjee Commission. Apart from these, there are also many files from the Prime Minister's secretariat which have gone missing! ...Details

Photo Gallery

The Controversy

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Life & Times

Snapshots of Subhas Chandra Bose from his boy scout days to his coronation as Congress

Plot of Death

Nanmon Hospital doctor had just been told that a plane carrying Subhas Bose had crashed ▶

Deal with Bose

British archive shows that Viceroy Wavell and senior British officials did not want Bose brought to India ▶

Shah Nawaz Report

It was Shah Nawaz Khan who

1931-1950

Scanned images of *Hindustan Times* news clippings relating to Subhas Bose's life and times ▶

1951-1980

Hindustan Times news clippings depicting the phase when Indian government conducted probes into his disappearance ▶

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president and after ▶

Indian National Army

Photographs of the gallant men of the *Azad Hind Fauz* as they lined up to salute their commander during a parade ▶

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To: Foreign New Delhi

Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV) from Counsellor(Pol)

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Your fax of December 13 regarding Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. I had informed Director(CNV) of DHC's request to the Head of the South Asian Department that the Commission of Inquiry be permitted to examine British intelligence records withheld from release. My letter No. Lon/Pol/103/17/00 of October 16 refers.

I have reminded the FCO again. They have promised to revert before December 19.

Regd.
(Vikas Swarup)
Counsellor(Pol)
14.12.01

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From : Indembassy, Washington.
To : Foreign New Delhi.
Rptd. : Director (CNV)

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JS(AMS) from Minister (Political)

Ref. your fax of December 12 regarding documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be furnished to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry.

Since the receipt of Director(CNV)'s letter No. 25-4/NGO-Vol.VI dated May 10, 2001, we have been pursuing the dual requests for the location of journalist and Pulitzer prize winner Louis Lochner and obtaining documentation from the US Government, but have not so far met with any success.

With regard to locating Mr. Lochner, we had approached several "old-timers" who we felt might have a clue about his whereabouts and whether he was still alive. Two of them, Mr. Selig Harrison (who you would recall used to be the Washington Post correspondent in Delhi in the 1950s) and Mr. Lenord Gordon of the Southern Asian Institute at Colombia University in New York appeared to have some recollection of his work but were not able to help at all on the crucial question of whether he was still alive and if so, where he might be staying. Both felt it was unlikely Mr. Lochner was alive at this time, but were not prepared to give any definite confirmation of this.

As regards declassified documents in possession with US Government and its agencies, we had made enquiries with the Intelligence and Research Bureau of the US State

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Department. Documents, once declassified, are no longer retained by the US Government and are normally stored in the National Archives, Library of Congress or other similar documentation centre. Government documents dating to the period after 1947 when the US established diplomatic relations with independent India are easier to locate as dispatches from US Embassy that have been declassified are collated regionwise. Those documents that have not been declassified need to be requisitioned with specific details under the US Freedom of Information Act. This is a tardy and complicated process. Documents prior to 1947 are available, but more difficult to locate as the sources are indirect. For example, these could be in the form of formerly classified documents from the US Embassies in London, Tokyo, etc. We were advised that it was most likely that such material had already been researched by other scholars and would be available in the form of published books on Netaji Subhas Bose. Alternately, we might get a scholar to privately research this for a suitable fee. I spoke directly to Dr. Leonard Gordon in New York, but his response was not very encouraging.

You may wish to assure the Commission that we have made all possible efforts so far within our available resources as detailed above, but have regrettably not come up with something tangible. We would continue to make efforts at least the sphere of obtaining some declassified US Government documentation. It would help the Mission if the Ministry could indicate to us specific activities/events that we are looking for.

Regards**(Francis Vaz)**

Minister (Political)

December 14, 2001



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 18, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/455 dated 5.12.2001 forwarding therewith a copy letter No. 915/11/C/2/2000-POL dated 29.10.2001 of the Prime Minister's Office regarding former PM's statement on the floor of the Parliament on 28.8.1978 expressing doubts about the conclusion of the earlier two Reports about the disappearance of Netaji, in view of the availability of certain contemporary official documents.

We have checked the records available in this Ministry but could not locate any document referred to in the former PM's above statement.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 18, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(2) dated 18.9.2001 which was endorsed to this Ministry by the Ministry of Home Affairs vide their U.O. No. I/12014/20/2001-IS D-III dated 18.10.2001 regarding deletion of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from the list of UN War Criminals.

In this connection, on the Ministry's advice, our Permanent Mission in New York had approached the UN Secretariat to have access to their archives. On examination of the records, nothing was found to indicate that the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose figured in any of the lists of UN War Criminals.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 18, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Smt. 12/c

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/408 dated 13.11.2001 regarding arrangements for the purpose of hearing of the Commission in Japan.

Our Mission in Tokyo have informed us that they are in the process of making appropriate arrangements as desired by the Commission. However, the Mission have requested for information on the duration of stay of the Commission in Japan since all arrangements will have to be made accordingly. This information may please be provided expeditiously.

Our Mission have also informed that they are still awaiting a response from the Japanese Foreign Office giving their assent to the co-operation of the Japanese Government with the deliberations of the Commission in Japan.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission *Sm. 22/c*

Reference your letter of December 3, 2001 on the above subject, we have yet to receive a response from the Japanese Foreign Office giving their assent to the co-operation of the Japanese Government with the deliberations of the Hon'ble Commission on Japanese soil.

We have observed that the Hon'ble Commission has made significant requests for personnel, space and equipment. We are examining these requests and shall have to make a budgetary estimate of space rental, local hire of personnel and equipment and may have to request deputation of office staff from Delhi. In making these estimates, we shall be assuming that the Commission will be in session for 30 days in Tokyo.

With kind reg.

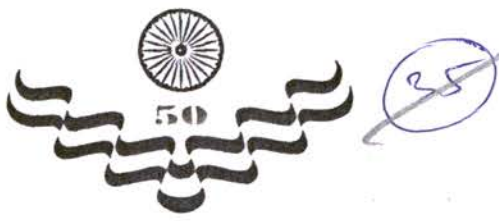
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FAX MESSAGE

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 14, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3) dated 9.11.2001 forwarding therewith a copy of the Status Report as on October 9, 2001.

As desired, a copy of the affidavit in respect of the points mentioned in the Status Report of 9.10.2001 relating to this Ministry is faxed herewith. The original affidavit will be submitted to the Commission at the time of its next hearing in Delhi on 19.12.2001.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, South Block, New Delhi, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

2. That I have read the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3) dated 9th November, 2001 and understood its contents.
3. I would like to state the following :
 - (i) That all the concerned Divisions in this Ministry have gone through all the records available in their custody and have not found any documents or records or files relating either to the proceedings of the Shah Nawaz Committee or the exhibits/records/documents filed before it.
 - (ii) That the same exercise as at 3(i) above has been carried out to locate Exhibit 29-I which was alleged to have been filed before the Khosla Commission by this Ministry. No record of this exhibit is available in this Ministry.
 - (iii) That the position regarding the availability of documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the Russian Federation, UK and USA is as follows:
 - (a) Russian Federation: All documents relating to Netaji which were obtained from the Russian Federation have been forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission vide this Ministry's letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 1.10.2001.
 - (b) UK : The High Commission of India in London has been in touch with the concerned authorities in the UK who have assured that they would revert in the matter. This Ministry is awaiting further response from the High Commission of India in London.
 - (c) USA : The matter of locating documents in the USA related to Netaji has been taken up with the Embassy of India in Washington. Their response is awaited.
4. That I have read the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMCI/48/2000/313 dated 20.9.2001 and No. JMCI/8/2000/103 dated 25.5.2001 and understood their contents.

5. I would like to state that the Embassy of India in Moscow has not been able to locate the whereabouts of the witnesses in Russia till date. The details of efforts made by the Mission in its search for the witnesses have been forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry vide this Ministry's letter No. 25/4/NGO Vol.VII dated 3rd December, 2001.


DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

Verified at New Delhi on this fourteen day of December, 2001, that the contents of the above affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge derived from official records.


DEPONENT

JAMAL PRAKASH

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FAX MESSAGE

MOST IMMEDIATE

To: Shri Hardeep Puri, DHC
High Commission of India,
London

From: Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary(AMS & CNV)

Pages: 1

Date 13.12.2001

Return: Fax: 301-1996 Phone:379-2070

Subject: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

DHC from JS(AMS & CNV)

We had written to you on 7th September, concerning certain classified records lying with the British Intelligence agencies on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In your response of 16th October, you had mentioned about your meeting with Mr. Stephen Evans, Head of the South Asian Department in the FCO and that he had promised to revert in the matter.

I am required to present evidence on behalf of the Ministry before the Justice Mukherjee Commission on 19th December forenoon on the availability of the documentation requested. Grateful indicate the latest position in the matter. We need specific details of the efforts made by the Mission and the results thereof, otherwise there may be adverse strictures against the Ministry by Justice Mukherjee.


(Jayant Prasad)

Shri Vikas Swarup.
Please note.

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FAX MESSAGE

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To: Shri Alok Prasad, DCM,
Indembassy Washington D.C.

From: Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary
(AMS)

Pages: 1

Date: 12.12.2001

Return: Fax: 301-1996 Phone: 379-2070

Subject: Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

DCM from JS (AMS)

We had written to you on 17th October, concerning documents available to U.S. Government and its agencies on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, which require to be furnished to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry.

I am required to present evidence on behalf of the Ministry before the Commission on 19th December forenoon on the availability of the documentation requested. Grateful indicate the latest position in the matter. We need specific details of the efforts made by the Mission and the results thereof, otherwise there may be adverse strictures against the Ministry by Justice Mukherjee.

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Jaya
(Jayant Prasad)

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Ministry of External Affairs
United Nations Division

This is with reference to NGO Section's note No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII 26th November 2001 on the subject of removal of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose's name from the lists maintained by the UN War Crimes Commission.

2. On October 15 2001. this Division had sent a letter to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji, stating that PMI New York were allowed to access the archives of the UN War Crimes Commission and to examine the records preserved therein. After doing so, PMI New York have confirmed that nothing was found in the records to indicate that Netaji's name figures on any of the lists of war criminals. Our mission in Tokyo has also confirmed this. A copy of this letter was also endorsed to PMO, who had advised this division vide their ID No.915/11/C/2/2000-Vol.IV dt.1st November 2001 that copies of all available relevant documents should be urgently made available to the Justice Mukherjee Commission so as to fully apprise the Commission of this matter.

3. However, since it seems that, not only is the NGO Section the nodal section of the MEA insofar as the communication with the Justice Mukherjee Commission is concerned, but that no other division in the MEA may correspond directly with the Commission, copies of the relevant letters and other documents are being enclosed herewith, with the request that they may be forwarded to the Mukherjee Commission for their information. Since it is clear from the letters received from PMI New York and our Embassy in Tokyo that Netaji's name does not figure on any list of war criminals available with either the UN War Crimes Commission or with the Government of Japan, the Mukherjee Commission may also be requested to regard this particular matter as closed.


(Sangeeta B Mann)
Dir(UNE)
10.12.2001.

US(NGO)

Dir(CNV) may kindly see, before
we write to Justice Mukherjee Commission.

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No. UII/103/1/98

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October 15, 2001

Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
'B' Block, (Third Floor)
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata – 700 087

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(1) dated 18th September 2001 regarding deletion of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from the lists of UN War Criminals.

Permanent Mission of India, New York have informed that they had made a formal request to the UN Secretariat for access to the archives of the Commission. The records were duly examined but nothing was found there to indicate that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's name figured in any of the lists. Our Mission in Tokyo has also confirmed this.

Yours faithfully,


(Sangeeta Mann)

Director to the Government of India

Letter issued by post.
15/10/01



Satyabrata Pal,
Deputy Permanent
Representative

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PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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April 7, 1999

My dear hopi,

Please refer to correspondence resting with your fax No. 5996/JS(UN)/98 of the 28th December 1998, regarding the possibility that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose figured in the list of war criminals maintained by the War Crimes Commission.

2. On your instructions, we had sent a formal request to the UN Secretariat for access to the archives of the Commission. Permission having been granted, FS (LA) has examined the relevant records, and has found nothing there to indicate that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose figured in any of the lists.

3. FS (LA)'s note is attached.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Encl: as above

(Satyabrata Pal)

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Shri A. Gopinathan,
Joint Secretary (UNE),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi

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Permanent Mission of India, New York

Subject: UN Archives - list of war criminals.

Reference letter to PMO from Shri Bijan Ghosh, Advocate, on the above subject.

I visited the UN Archives today and went through the following lists of war criminals in the records of the UN War Crimes Commission:

Central Registry of War Criminals and Security Suspects (CROWCASS).

Allied Control Authority

1. Consolidated Wanted Lists, Part 2
A - Z Non-Germans only - March 1947
A - Z Non-Germans only - December 1947
2. Supplementary Wanted List, No.1
Part 2 - Non-Germans - June 1947
3. Supplementary Wanted List, No.2
Part 2 - Non-Germans - September 1947

The lists do not contain any reference to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

The records also contain lists of charge files consisting of formal charges submitted by States to the Commission. These are classified according to the country which filed the charges and the nationality of the persons charged, eg., France vs. Germans; France vs. Italians, etc. There is no entry regarding charges filed by any country against any Indian national.

Natinder Singh

Natinder Singh
FS (LA)
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4th May, 1999

Jean Popri.

Kindly refer to your letter No.D-1530/JS(UN)/99 dated April 21, 1999 regarding the possibility of Netaji figuring in any list of war criminals. What I had indicated during our brief discussion of the subject was that the Embassy actually had papers to confirm that Netaji **did not** figure in such a list. I am enclosing a copy of the papers in question, culled from our files, for your information.

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Yours sincerely,

S. Jaishankar

(S.Jaishankar)

Shri A.Gopinathan,
Jt.Secretary(UNE),
MEA, South Block,
New Delhi.

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the subject)

J.N. Dixit,
First Secretary.

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No.375-FS/67.

Dated the 5th May, 1967.

Dear Ministry,

Please refer to your letter No.UII/151(27)/67,
dated the 27th April, 1967.

2. We have made some preliminary inquiries with
the Japanese Foreign Office and academic circles here
who have given a tentative confirmation that Netaji
Subhash Chandra Bose was not declared a war criminal.
The question of his being declared a prisoner of war
does not arise because he was never captured by the
allies. He died a little before Japan's surrender.
Our contacts in the Foreign Office have promised to give
us definite information on the query raised by you in
due course. Please consider this as an interim reply.

Yours ever,

Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

No. 534-CDA/67.

Dated the 16th October, 1967.

Note Verbale

The Embassy of India presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan and has the honour to state that, according to a report, the International Tribunal for the Far East set up after the last War had, in a judgement, pronounced the late Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose a War Criminal or a Prisoner of War. The late Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose, it may be recalled, was a leader of the Indian National Independence Movement and had also inspired and created the Indian National Army during the war in support of the struggle for India's independence. According to records available with the Government of India, no such reference by the International Tribunal to the late Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose is traceable. Any assistance and information that the Japanese authorities can make available, which will help trace any such reference, would be greatly appreciated.

The Embassy of India avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Japan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Government of Japan, Tokyo.

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NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of India and, in reply to the enquiry made by the latter's Note Verbale, No. 534-CDA/67, dated October 16, 1967, concerning the late Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose, has the honour to state as follows:

1. As far as the records of the International Military Tribunal for the Far East (including indictments, writs of judgement, etc.) are concerned, no evidence is found supporting the alleged arrest, prosecution or conviction as a "War Criminal" of the late Mr. Subhash Chandra Bose by the said Tribunal. Nor exists any evidence supporting the pronouncement by the Tribunal of the late Mr. Chandra Bose as a "Prisoner of War."
2. According to various information regarding the late Mr. Chandra Bose (including that from official documents as well as private publications), Mr. Bose was killed

killed in an aircraft accident on August 18, 1945, upon his departure from the Taipei Airport, where he had stopped on his way from Saigon to Dairen (Talien) by a Japanese military aeroplane offered him, through the good offices of the late General J. Terauchi, Supreme Commander of the then Japanese Expeditionary Forces, Southern Regions. As it was not until September 11, 1945, that the arrest of General H. Tojo and other persons was started consequent upon indictment instituted against them by the Military Tribunal, it is inconceivable under the circumstances referred to above that Mr. Bose was pronounced as a "War Criminal" by the said Tribunal.

Tokyo, December 20, 1967.

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外務省は、在本邦インド大使館に敬意を表するとともに故スバス・チャンドラ・ボース氏につき照会のあつた1967年10月16日付同大使館口上書№534-CDA/67に関し、下記のとおり回答する光榮を有する。

記

1. 極東国際軍事裁判所関係諸資料（起訴状、判決書等を含む）によれば、故スバス・チャンドラ・ボース氏が国において「戦争犯罪人」として逮捕され、起訴されあるいは極東国際軍事裁判所によつて有罪の判決を受けた事実は存せずまた、同国際裁判所が同氏を「戦時俘虜」として宣告した事実もない。
2. チャンドラ・ボース氏に関する一般資料（公私の著書等）によれば同氏は南方軍司令官寺内

大将のあつせんによる日本軍用機により、台北經由大連に向かう途中、昭和20年8月18日台北飛行場出発の際、飛行機事故により、死亡している。然るに、極東国際軍事裁判所に訴追された東条大将等の逮捕が始められたのは昭和20年9月11日であつた。チャンドラ・ボース氏が裁判にかけられたり、犯罪者と宣告されたりしたということは、前記のような同氏死亡の日との関係からも考えられないことと思われる。

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Uy.No. 10028 Dir(Cbha)/01
Date 10/12
No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)/48(Vol.III)/431(3) Kolkata, dated, November 27, 2001

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty.

To : The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001

S i r,

In continuation of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)/48(Vol.III)/402(3) dated November 9, 2001, sent to you by registered post, I am directed to state for your kind information and necessary action that the next hearing of the Commission will be held on 19.12.2001, and, if need be, on 20.12.2001 starting at 11-00 O'Clock at Committee Room 'C' of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi.

I am also directed to request you to advise the officer swearing the affidavit in terms of Para 4(a) of the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 (Eleventh-D-3) to remain present before the Commission on 19.12.2001 at 11-00 O'Clock to answer any questions that may be raised relating to his statements made in his affidavit as directed by the Commission in Para 4(b) of the said proceedings.

Yours faithfully,

for you.
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Director (CNY)
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(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)/43(Vol.IIK)/402(3)

Dated : November 9, 2001.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

- To :
- 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.
 - 2) The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.
 - 3) The Secretary
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S I r.

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the Status Report as on October 9, 2001 showing action taken in pursuance of orders/directives of the Commission including those contained in its various proceedings. The said Status Report may kindly be perused along with the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 (Eleventh-D 3) sent herewith to take necessary action in the matter and to ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission contained therein.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

Encls: As stated above.

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No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/455 Kolkata, dated, December 5, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,

To : Smt. Narinder Chauhan,
Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Madam,

In inviting a reference to your d.o. letter No.
25/4/NGO-Vol-VII dated 26.11.01, I am directed to forward
herewith a xerox copy of the letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-POL
dated 29.10.2001 of the Prime Minister's Office, as asked
for by you, for necessary action at your kind end.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclo: As stated above.

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For n.a. please.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

New Delhi
29th October, 2001

To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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KOLKATA - 700087.

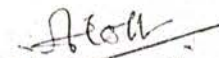


Sir,

a.p. 2-7 & — The undersigned is directed to refer to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/178 dated 29.6.2001 regarding former PM's statement on the floor of the Parliament on 28.8.1978 expressing doubts about the conclusion of earlier two Reports about disappearance of Netaji in view of availability of certain contemporary official documents.

X Records of this office has been checked up but no such official documents referred to in former PM's above statement could be located in this office. However, position may be checked up separately from Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of External Affairs also.

Yours faithfully,


[Alok Mukhopadhyay]
Under Secretary (Pol)

Tarakeswar Pal

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Senior Counsel -I, To The Government of India

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BY SPEED POST

Date: 5th December, 2001

To
Sri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110 011

Dear Sir,

Re. : No. 25/4/NGO.Vol.VI

In reference to the following :

- a) Para 8 of the status report dated 19th June, 2001, of the Hon'ble Commission (in respect of records of Shah Nawaz Khan Committee),
- b) Para 3 of status report dated 9th October, 2001 of the Hon'ble Commission (in respect of records of Shah Nawaz Khan Committee),
- c) Letter dated 5th July, 2001 (in respect of Commission's letter dated 19th June, ²⁶⁰¹ as to Shah Nawaz Khan Committee Records) , by Smt. Narinder Chahhan, Director (CNV) to the Secretary of the Hon'ble Commission ;
- d) Order dated 17th October, 2001 passed by the Hon'ble Chairman of the Commission at New Delhi sitting (11th - D3),
- e) Action taken Report dated 5th July, 2001 of Your Ministry ;
- f) Letter dated 17th October, 2001 (in respect of Justice Khosla Commission documents as per Commission's letter dated 28th May, 2001) by Smt. Narinder Chahhan, Director, CNV to the Secretary of the Hon'ble Commission ;
- g) Letter dated 1st October, 2001 by Smt. Narinder Chahhan to the Secretary of the Hon'ble Commission as to documents in Russian Federation ;

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- h) Letters dated 5th October, 2001 and 17th October, 2001 by Smt. Narinder Chahhan, Director, CNV, to the Secretary of the Hon'ble Commission as to witnesses in Japan and the team going to Japan ;
- i) records and/or informations as to the "status of War Criminal" of the Netaji ; and
- j) Affidavits in reply to different Affidavits per several deponents as I opined in my letters dated 1st August, 2001/2nd August, 2001/20th August, 2001/26th-28th August, 2001/29th August, 2001/29th-August, - 3rd September, 2001 and 11th - 14th September, 2001 - all addressed to Smt. Sangita Gairela, J.S. (IS-1), Ministry of Home Affairs, with copies to you specifying subjects to be dealt with by you, as referred to in Para 2 of the status report as on 20th August, 2001 of the Hon'ble Commission ;

May I inform and record as following :

2. That as per order dated 17th October, 2001 (item (d) above) you are to state the facts of not finding the records in question as to Shah Nawaz Khan Committee (item No. (a), (b) and (c) above) should be placed on records by an Affidavit by you, and you will be required to be present at the time of next sitting of the Hon'ble Commission (13th sitting) on 19th December, 2001 at Annexe Committee Room 'C' of the Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.
3. The Action Taken report dated 5th July, 2001 (item No. (e) above) has not been informed to me, Please send a copy thereof for me to be update with the requirements/questions at the hearing of the Hon'ble Commission.
4. ~~Like~~ Like as to the records of Shah Nawaz Khan Committee (as in Para 2 above) you also state the facts of not finding the records in respect of the Justice Khosla Commission (item no (f) above) in the Affidavit.
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5. For appraisal of the matter and prepare myself for the hearings before the Hon'ble Commission kindly send the Russian documents - English Translation (item No. (g) above) to me.

6. As to the proceeding of the Hon'ble Commission in Japan (item No. (h) above) - to examine witnesses, collect ashes (for D.N.A. test) ^{^ and} to collect documents - I propose that one responsible officer of the Govt. of India (preferably of originating Ministry of Home Affairs) should visit with the team along with the Counsel of the Government (in view of collection of the Ashes for D.N.A. test apart from the matter of cross-examinations of the witnesses) subject to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

7. As to the matter of reference under item No. (i) in Paragraph No. 1 above, may I request your pleasure to instruct me in the subject with document - in view of declaration by the Govt. ^{^ and} in the floor of the Parliament in the subject. Be it mentioned ^{^ that} the matter comes up for consideration by the Hon'ble Commission during hearings off and on, and I can not assist as I do not have any instructions in the matter.

8. In reference to (j) above I would request your pleasure in taking steps for fixing Affidavits in opposition or reply in question as the matter comes up off and on during hearings of the Hon'ble Commission and I can not answer the queries in absence of your instructions in the matter. I may propose your reply on the specified matters in my related letters in substantial form and I may place drafts of

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Date: 5th December, 2001

Affidavits on those replies, if required, and in turn you may file the Affidavits. I think replies on all specific matters have been communicated to the Hon'ble Commission by your different letters in the mean time. However, you may kindly check up and do to the needful as early as possible.

Thanking you,

With regards,

Yours faithfully,

Tarakeswar Pal

Copy to : (by Speed post)

(TARAKESWAR PAL)
C. G. S. C. - I

Smt. Sangita Gairela,
Joint Secretary (IS-1),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Govt. of India,
North Block,
New Delhi - 110001,

- for information and appraisal of the matters in question.

With regards,

Tarakeswar Pal

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C. G. S. C. - I

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(II)/428(70))

Kolkata, dated, November 26, 2001

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From

Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)

Officer on Special Duty

To

Shri Jayant Prasad

Joint Secretary (CNV)

Ministry of External Affairs

Government of India

South Block

New Delhi 110 001

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next sitting of the Commission will be held on 19.12.2001, and if need be, on 20.12.2001 starting at 11.00 O'clock at Committee Room 'C' in the Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine the following witnesses :-

Witnesses summoned for 19.12.2001

1. Shri K. Natwar Singh,
Author of the book review titled, 'An extraordinary story'
published in the 'Frontline' dated October 12, 2001;
2. Smt. Prabha Jagannathan,
Correspondent, The Economic Times,
3. Shri Satindrapal Singh Sharma,
Author of a letter to the Editor, Hindustan Times;
4. Sri Janardan Das,
Deponent of Affidavit No. JMCI/59/2000;
5. Shri Jai Singh,
Author of a letter to the Editor, Hindustan Times;
- 6-8. The Officers concerned of the Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs, and of the office of the Prime Minister, swearing their respective affidavits in terms of para 4 of the proceedings dated October 17, 2001

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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We need to finalise
the affidavit and mode
of its submission after
discussion with Dis(CNV).

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 5, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is in continuation of my D.O. of even number of 3rd December, 2001 regarding, inter alia, witnesses in Taiwan.

You are requested to furnish the full names of all the witnesses to enable us to collect the requisite details.

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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Dated December 5, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is in continuation of my D.O. of even number of 3rd December, 2001 regarding, inter alia, witnesses in Taiwan.

~~We have now received information that the Taiwanese authorities are not in a position to trace the whereabouts of the witnesses in the absence of their full names. You are, therefore, requested to furnish the full names of all the witnesses to enable the concerned authorities in Taiwan to look for the requisite details.~~ *as to collect the req details.*

Yours sincerely,

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council. (Fax: 91-11-3792124)

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE FROM DDG

Jno. 19/c

This has reference to your fax message of November 27, 2001 in respect of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I, personally handed over the list of witnesses as forwarded with your above
fax to the officials of the Department of East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) of Taiwan with a request to let ITA
know about their whereabouts/details. They have asked us to indicate full
names of the witnesses mentioned in the list to enable them to look for the
requested details.

Therefore, it is requested that full names of all the six individuals mentioned
in your above fax may kindly be sent to us for forwarding the same to
MoFA.

Regards,

Date: December 3, 2001.

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3/12/01
(S K Verma)

Deputy Director General

A - could you pl. request the Justice
Mukherji Commission for full names.

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Fair letter to the Commission
is placed below for Sign. P.

Dir (CNV)

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3.12.2001

US (WGS)

Dir (CNV)

Urgent n.a. please.

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NEW DELHI.

MOST IMMEDIATE

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VII

Dated December 3, 2001

Dear Sir,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 17th October, 2001 regarding documents available with the US Government and its agencies relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which are to be forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

We are required to file an affidavit before the Commission regarding the availability of the desired documents. Kindly indicate the latest position in the case giving details of the efforts made by the Mission to obtain the desired documents/information and the results thereof. The information may please be furnished by 10th December, 2001.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt.Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Alok Prasad,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India
Washington

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 3, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/408 dated 13.11.2001 regarding your proposed visits to Japan and Taiwan.

As regards Japan, we have conveyed all your requirements to our Mission in Tokyo. So far as Taiwan is concerned, we are still awaiting information on the witnesses given by you. We shall revert as soon as we receive the requisite confirmation/information.

Regards

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

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Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O. No.25/4/NGO – Vol.VII

Dated December 3, 2001

Dear Sir,

Smt. 166/c of vol. VI

Please refer to your letter No. TOK/102/3/01 dated 10.10.2001 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

The Commission has now indicated its requirements of staff, space and equipment for the proposed visit to Japan. In this connection, its letter dated 13.11.2001 which is self-explanatory is enclosed.

Kindly note that the Commission will indicate the size and composition of the delegation after the Mission confirms that it can make all the arrangements requested for.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan

(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

Shri Biren Nanda,
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
Tokyo

Encl: as above

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D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated December 3, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/48/2000/313 dated 20.9.2001 regarding witnesses in Russia.

As desired, a detailed report prepared by our Mission informing about the efforts made for finding the whereabouts of the witnesses in Russia is enclosed for your information.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

g/k

To

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To

Shri Jayant Prasad
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi 110 001

Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next sitting of the Commission will be held in Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh from 26th day of November 2001 to 1st day of December, 2001 during which the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine the following witnesses at 11-00 a.m. on November 28, 2001, at Community Hall, Civil Court premises, Faizabad, Uttar Pradesh:-

Sri Shyamnarayan Bind
S/o. Shri Bechan Bind,
Vill. Pithapur, P.O. Poura
P.S. Sakaldiha, Dist. Chandauli
U.P. 232 108

Dr. Ramendra Pal
S/o. Shri Piarey Lal
Mohalla Kuncha Neem Patiali Sarai
Budaun, Dist. Budaun
U.P. 243 601

Sri Kailash Nath Jaiswal
S/o. Late Baij Nath Jaiswal
15 Bharatpuri Colony,
Dist. Faizabad,
U.P. 224 001

Dr. Viswambar Nath Arora
12 Lakman Puri
Faizabad, U.P. 224 001

Mr. Kausar Hussain
51 Meera Bai Marg,
Lucknow – 1, U.P.

Shri Rabindra Nath Sukla
867 Awas Bikash Colony,
Amaniganj, Faizabad,
UP 224001

Dr. B. Roy
867, Awas Bikash Colony,
Amaniganj, Faizabad
U.P. 224 001

Shri Anupam Misra
S/o. Dr. R.P. Misra
124/1 Jharkhandi, Faizabad,
Dist. Faizabad, UP 224 001

Smt. Rita Banerjee
W/o. Dr. P. Banerjee,
1/13/1 Civil Lines,
Near Jingle Bell School,
Faizabad, U.P. 224 001

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

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Fax Message

Date: November 27, 2001

From : ITA Council

To : India Taipei Association
Taipei (Fax No. 00-8862- 275 761 17)

Shri Ranjit Gupta Director General from Vijay Gokhale

Reference: request received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on possible leads available in Taiwan on the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. A list of witnesses, furnished by Justice Mukherjee Commission, who could be available in Taiwan is enclosed. Grateful if the ITA Taipei could have the whereabouts of these witnesses checked to enable ITA Council, New Delhi to pass on the information to the Commission.

Vijay Gokhale

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**Names and Particulars of the Witnesses available in Formosa / Russia
as mentioned in the book entitled,
'Netaji Mystery' authored by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha**

<u>Names of witnesses</u>	<u>Particulars</u>
1. Gen. Pao	He was employed in the External Affairs Department, Government of Formosa and posted at Taipei in 1964.
2. Mr. Chuang	He was a Senior Officer in the Department of External Affairs, Government of Formosa, posted in New Delhi, as a Special Representative of Chinese Government.
3. Mr. Tao	He was a Senior Officer in the Department of Culture, Government of Formosa.
4. Mr. Yu	He was posted at Taipei Airport during the Second World War. His duty was to fill in the Oil Tanks of the aircrafts.
5. Col. Yeh	He was in the team of Pilots when the air-field of Kinomen island was taken over by the Formosa Government from the Japanese and before that he was posted in New Delhi in the Embassy of Formozan Government as Military Attaché.
6. Mr. Ting	He started his carrier as a businessman in Taipei in 1964. Before that he was in the Detective Department of the Chungking Government / Nationalist Chinese Government. He was also posted in Calcutta before the Second World War when he learnt Bengali.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

November 26, 2001

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMC/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/398 dated 09.11.2001 regarding "further contemporary official documentary records" stated by Late Morarji Desai, former Prime Minister of India.

It may please be noted that the copy of letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-POL dated 29.10.2001 of the Prime Minister's Office which was supposed to have been enclosed with your aforesaid letter has not been received in this Ministry. It is, therefore, requested that a copy of the PMO's letter may be forwarded to us to enable us to take further necessary action in the matter.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

N. Chauhan
(Smt. Narinder Chauhan)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

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No. C/415/7/2001-JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Reference: request received from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on possible leads available in Taiwan on the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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3. The response of the Taiwanese authorities, as conveyed to us by ITA Taipei is enclosed for perusal and record. The Taiwanese authorities have said that details may be available only with the Japanese authorities.

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)
Director (EA)
November 20, 2001

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IN RUSSIA

1.	Mr. Ivan Ling	.. He is a Chinese-Russian by birth. He was a Warder of the K.G.B. Jail in Russia where Netaji was lodged as a prisoner after the Communist Party of China captured Peking from the Nationalist Government of China.
2.	Mr. Yeakuttang	.. He was one of the Europeans who was captured by the U.S.S.R. and put in prison in Siberia.

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No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: UN War Crimes Commission – removal of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's
name.

This has reference to PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol Vol.IV dated 1.11.2001 addressed to JS(UNE) on the above subject(copy enclosed).

We have been receiving communication from the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on issues relating to the aforesaid subject. It is understood that the UN Division is already seized of the matter and that they have been exchanging notes on the subject with the PMO. Since NGO Section has been earmarked as the nodal Section in this Ministry in so far as communication with the Justice Mukherjee Commission is concerned, we may request the UN Division to let us have urgently the update on the subject under reference so that the Commission could be informed.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Subject: UN War Crimes Commission – removal of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's name.

Reference is invited to MEA ID note No. U.II/103/1.98 dated 22.10.2001 on the subject mentioned above.

MEA being the nodal Ministry in so far as the issue involved is concerned. Therefore, Ministry of External Affairs may take necessary action on this and then suitably inform Justice Mukherjee Commission by furnishing copies of all available relevant documents urgently under intimation to this office.


[Sunil Jain]
Director

Shri A Gopinathan – Joint Secretary (UNE), MEA

PMO ID No. 915/11 C.2/2000-Pol Vol.IV

dated: 01-11-2001

Copy for information to Shri Mukesh Mittal – Deputy Secretary (IS-I), MHA w.r.t. MHA ID No. I 1204/20.2001-ISC-III dated 18.10.2001.

Copy for information to:
DIR (CNV) MEA.


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(Alok Mukhopadhyay)
Under Secretary
Prime Minister's Office
New Delhi

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We may request UN Div. for an update on this so that the Commission could be informed.

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(Vijay Gokhale)
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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council. (Fax: 91-11-3792124)

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

X This has reference to Shri Vijay Gokhale's fax message of October 22, 2001 and our reply of the same day regarding documentation relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

In response to DG's letter of September 19, 2001 to the Foreign Ministry here, we have received a reply (signed by the Foreign Minister) yesterday which mentions, inter alia:

In a book edited and published by the Ministry of National Defence of Taiwan in May 1991 on war against the Japanese aggression in China and the chronology of its major events, page no. 531 mentions that "Chandra Bose was injured and he died in the aircrash at Taipei airport". Photographs or other reference materials of this incident are not available with agencies contacted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Our message of October 22, 2001 mentions names of those agencies. The above letter also mentions that further details may perhaps be available with the Japanese authorities (Japanese Archives of Foreign Relations and Japan National Parliament Library).

This issues with DG's approval.

Regards,

Date: November 6, 2001.

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(S K Verma)
Deputy Director General

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-Up)/48 (Vol. III)/402 (3)

Dated : November 9, 2001.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)
Officer on Special Duty

To : 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

2) The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

3) The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a copy of the Status Report as on October 9, 2001 showing action taken on/compliance with the orders/directions of the Commission including those contained in its various proceedings. The said Status Report may kindly be perused along with the proceedings dated October 17, 2001 (Eleventh-D 3) sent herewith to take necessary action in the matter and to ensure compliance with the directions of the Commission contained therein.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 17th October 2001 (Eleventh – D 3)
Held at Committee Room "C" of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe,
New Delhi

October 17, 2001

The only witness present today is Sitanshu Mohan Das (CW 56). In course of his examination he has admitted that he has written the book 'Subhas – A Political Biography'; and the book has been marked Exhibit 82.

Four other witnesses namely Mr. Jai Singh, Mr. Satindra Pal Singh Sharma, Sm. Prabha Jagannathan and Mr. Janardan Das have not appeared to testify in spite of service of summons upon them. Let fresh summons be served upon them intimating that if they do not appear to depose on the next date of hearing, coercive measures will be taken against them to ensure their appearance before the Commission.

After examination of the witnesses, the parties and/or their lawyers present have been heard about the 'Status Report as on October 09, 2001' prepared by the Commission and circulated to all the parties present. They have submitted that as the Central Government has not yet fully complied with the orders / directions passed from time to time by the Commission asking the Government to produce the relevant records / documents, stern steps may be taken to enforce their production

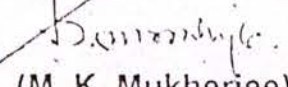
The Commission started its public hearing in March, 2000. Since then various orders / directions have been passed and reminders issued, seeking relevant information / records from various Ministries / Offices of the Government of India to enable the Commission to discharge its functions effectively and expeditiously. Unfortunately however, the production of some of the records / documents, which appear to be germane to the terms of reference are still awaited. In that context, it is felt that the time is now ripe to impress upon the various Ministries / Offices concerned of the Government of India that unless the earlier orders / directions of the Commission are fully complied with within a definite time frame, it will be well nigh impossible for the Commission to satisfactorily complete its momentous and monumental task. Placed in such a predicament, the Commission is left with no other alternative but to issue the following directions :

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- a) By the next date of hearing, the Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs and the office of the Prime Minister shall file their responses to the statements made in the 'Status Report as on October 09, 2001' (except those contained in paragraphs 10 & 11) so far as they relate to their Ministries / Office, through affidavits filed by officers not below the rank of Joint Secretary ; and
- b) On the next date of hearing the officers swearing the affidavits must be present to answer any questions that may be raised relating to their statements made therein.

To enable the Ministries / Office concerned to comply with the above directions, let a copy of the 'Status Report' mentioned above be forwarded to each of them along with a copy of this order.

The next hearing of the Commission will be on December 19 and 20, 2001 (at 11 AM on both days) in one of the Committee Rooms of Vigyan Bhavan Annexe, New Delhi.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman

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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Status Report as on October 9, 2001 showing action taken on/compliance with the orders/directions including those contained in the Proceedings dated 13.06.2001 read with proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, 22.12.2000, 17.01.2001, and 04.04.2001 of the Commission

1. Copies of the Status Report as on 20.08.2001 (forenoon) were sent for favour of taking necessary action to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of external Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Defence Department and Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, by Registered Post with A/D with Commission's letter bearing No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/48(Vol.III)/309(5) dated September 19, 2001 wherewith a copy of the proceedings dated August 22, 2001 of the Commission was also sent for their kind perusal.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/48 (Vol.II)/274 dated August 23, 2001 to let the Commission know, within six weeks from the date of receipt of the letter, which of the files/records/documents mentioned in paras (a)(i) and (a) (iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2001 of the Commission pertain to the Prime Minister's office, which of them pertain to the Ministry of Defence and which of them pertain to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter. No reply has yet been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.II)/272 dated August 23, 2001 to kindly arrange to locate further records of the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee and send them to the Commission expeditiously. The response of the Ministry of external Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.

4. The Director General of the National Archives of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.II)/271 dated August 23, 2001 to report to the Commission immediately whether Micro-films of Mountbatten and Wavel papers are available in the National Archives of India and, if available, to send to the Commission authenticated xerox copies thereof as quickly as possible. The response of the National Archives of India in the matter is still awaited.
5. In Commission's letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.III)/262 dated August 20, 2001 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been pointed out that neither the original records of the day-to-day proceedings of Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry nor any authenticated copy thereof has yet been received by the Commission. He has been requested therein to ensure more vigorous efforts to locate all the remaining records pertaining to the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry including the documents presented before the said Commission, the documents not received by it in spite of its requisition and the documents which were made exhibits before it and to make all those records/documents available to this Commission as quickly as possible as those are essentially required by this Commission for the purpose of its inquiry. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.
6. Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, declared inter alia in the floor of Parliament on August 28, 1978 that "Further contemporary official documentary records have also become available" concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/177 dated June 29, 2001 has been requested to ensure production of duly attested xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records" before this Commission within six weeks from the date of receipt of the letter. In course of the discussion of the Hon'ble Chairman with the Hon'ble Home Ministry on 13.08.2001, the Hon'ble Chairman also requested for making available to the Commission authenticated xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records which have also become available"

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7. The report and the Affidavit, as called for, from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 read with its letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/320 dated September 20, 2001, have not yet been received.
8. The Secretary, Prime Minister's office and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, were requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/318(2) dated September 20, 2001 to confirm whether an affidavit was filed before Justice Khosla Commission on behalf of the Government of India wherein it was averred, inter alia, that more than 34 'confidential files' relating to 'Netaji Mystery' were found either 'destroyed or missing' and if so, they were requested to furnish a copy of the said affidavit with a detailed explanatory note on the contents of each of the said 34 confidential files allegedly destroyed or missing. The response to the said letter is being awaited.
9. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averment(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/132 dated May 30, 2001 was requested to furnish the original or authenticated copies of the documents relied upon by some deponents in their affidavit/supplementary affidavits, xerox copies of which were sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/67/263 dated September 20, 2000. In response thereto the Ministry of Home Affairs sent to the Commission a copy of the letter dated July 4, 2001 addressed to different authorities of the Government of India, wherein they were requested to go through the list of documents enclosed therewith and if necessary, to submit an affidavit before the Commission directly. The Ministry of Home Affairs was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow-up)/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 to clarify with a supporting affidavit whether

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or not the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is at all concerned in the matter of furnishing the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned. The Ministry of Home Affairs was again requested by the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/67/320 dated September 20, 2001 to take necessary action to send the report with the supporting affidavit as quickly as possible as also to indicate the name of the authority concerned of the Government of India against each of the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents concerned to enable the Commission to pursue effectively with the authorities concerned of the Government of India for production before the Commission their respective documents. The said reports and affidavits of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, are still awaited.

10.

The Director General of National Archives, Government of India, was requested by Commission's d.o. No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/286 dated September 5, 2001, to inform the Commission whether they have got Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches of the files/documents of the public records office of the British Library which were listed by the team of the Commission after their study of the files/documents in the British Library and the Public Records office so that the Commission may obtain transcriptions from those Micro-films/Micro Fiches or authenticated xerox copies of the entire File No. K 148/A of Mountbatten papers in the Heartley Library of the Southampton University or at least of the papers listed in the said letter dated September 5, 2001 of the Commission. The receipt of the aforesaid Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches/Authenticated xerox copies are still awaited.

11.

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas/2000-01/70/283 dated September 3, 2001 to take up with the Embassy of India in Tokyo so that lists of witnesses sent by them to the Commission with their No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated March 27, 2001 are verified in view of the anomalies pointed out in the Commission's said letter dated September 3, 2001 and a corrected and up-to-date list of witnesses along with their respective present correct addresses sent to the Commission as early as possible to enable it to draw up a programme or examination of the witnesses in Japan during the proposed

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visit of the Commission to Japan. The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India have informed that they have taken up the matter with the Indian Embassy in Tokyo.

12.

(a) D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated September 26, 2001 has been received from the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in reply to the Hon'ble Chairman's d.o. No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/267 dated August 21, 2001 regarding inspection of documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose stated to be lying in different foreign countries. In this communication the Hon'ble Minister has stated that the points raised in the Hon'ble Chairman's letter have been taken up with the diplomatic mission of India in the countries concerned and that they (Ministry of External Affairs) would keep the Commission informed about the outcome of their efforts in this regard.

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(b) Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with their d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated October 1, 2001 has sent to the Commission some xerox copies written in Russian along with their English translation which have been sent to them by the Russian Foreign Office through the Indian Mission in Moscow stating those to be "all available documents received from different Archives in the Russian Federation". The said d.o. letter and its enclosures have been received by the Commission on October 8, 2001 and will be scrutinized in due course.

13.

The Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/106 dated May 28, 2001 to send a true copy of the report of the Government of India in the Foreign Ministry allegedly submitted before the Khosla Commission and marked as Exhibit 29-I which is allegedly concerning another alleged report dated 17.10.1945 of the Director of the British Military Intelligence Department on a Secret Japanese message allegedly intercepted by the Chinese advising Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to be separated from his fellow travellers at the time of his journey from Burma in an aircraft. The Ministry of External Affairs in their d.o. No. 25/4/NGO-POL.VI dated September 6, 2001 intimated that they were making every effort to trace the same and will revert to the Commission shortly in this matter. Further development is still awaited.

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

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No. JMCI/ Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/408, Kolkata, dated 13th November '2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary4413/RL/CN/01
19/11To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated October 17, 2001 of the Director (CNV) of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and to request you to advise the Indian Mission concerned to make the following arrangements for the purpose of the hearing of the Commission in Japan and Taiwan :

- (1) to provide the Commission with the services of at least two competent Stenographers in English, two competent Translators to translate authentically the depositions of the witnesses in Japan and Taiwan, if such depositions are made in languages other than English;
- (2) to provide two good type-writers, two good tape-recorders, necessary furniture and office equipments for the purpose of the hearing;
- (3) to provide two efficient office Assistants having good knowledge of local language(s) in addition to English;
- (4) to arrange (i) a suitable venue for the hearing of the Commission, which should be spacious enough to accommodate 50 people, (ii) one suitable chamber in its close proximity for the Hon'ble Chairman, (iii) one room in close

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
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No. JMCI/

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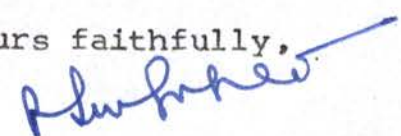
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proximity of the venue of hearing to accommodate the officers and the staff who may be working in connection with the hearing of the Commission, and (iv) a suitable waiting place for the witnesses who may be summoned by the Commission.

- (5) To arrange transport for the official use of the Hon'ble Chairman and the members of the team of the Commission in Japan and Taiwan;
- (6) To arrange suitable board and lodging for the Hon'ble Chairman and the members of the team of the Commission in Japan and Taiwan;
- (7) To earmark one senior and competent Officer of the Indian Mission concerned as the Liaison Officer for the purpose of the said hearing of the Commission.

I am also directed to request you to send a reply in confirmation as quickly as possible on receipt of which the size and composition of the delegation of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan will be intimated.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/ Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up) /48 (ol. II) /273/391
Kolkata, dated: November 8, 2001

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110001.

s i r,

I am directed to refer to the d.o. letter No.25/4/
NGO-Vol.VI dated October 25, 2001 of the Director(CNV) of
the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and
to request you to file immediately an affidavit before the
Commission to be sworn by you or by a competent officer of
your Ministry not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the
Government of India stating clearly therein details of the
steps taken and searches conducted for locating all the
exhibits/documents/records called for by and/or filed before
the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee as also for locating the records/
files containing the proceedings of the said committee.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/398. Kolkata, dated, 09.11.2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-POL dated October 29, 2001 of the Prime Minister's Office which is in reply to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/178 dated 29.06.2001 (xerox copy enclosed) for your kind perusal with a request to ensure production before the Commission of duly attested/authenticated xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records" which, as stated by Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, on August 28, 1978 on the floor of the Parliament, had "become available" to the Government of India since those documentary records are urgently required to be perused by the Commission for the purposes of its inquiry.

This may be treated as extremely urgent.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.

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Since we have not recd. the letter at 'X' above, we may write to the Commission as per the fair letter placed below p1.

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No. JM(Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/178. Calcutta, dated, the 29.06.2001.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the pages 455 and 456 of purported Parliamentary Proceedings dated August 28, 1978 wherefrom it appears that Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, stated, inter alia, on the floor of the Parliament on August 28, 1978, as follows :-

"some further contemporary official documentary records have also become available. In the light of those doubts and contradictions and those records, Government find it difficult to accept that the earlier conclusions are decisive." (Emphasis supplied)

I am directed to request you to ensure production of duly attested xerox copies of all those "further contemporary official documentary records", which were admitted to have become available to the Government of India, as stated by the then Prime Minister on August 28, 1978 on the floor of the Parliament, before the Commission within six weeks of the receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.

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To : Smt. Narinder Chauhan, Director(CNV) Foreign New Delhi - <i>Sent</i>	From: D.B. Venkatesh Varma, C (Pol), Indembassy Moscow
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Reference correspondence regarding affidavit filed by Shri Narendra Nath Sindkar before the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and our letter No. MOS/POL/451/1/2001 dated 8th May, 2001.

2. Our extensive queries regarding the whereabouts of persons indicated in the affidavit have still not yielded any definite information.

3. With regard to the specific points made by Shri Sindkar in his affidavit, we have contacted a wide spectrum of persons who may have had contact or knowledge of the persons listed in the affidavit. These queries were made among others with Dr. Madan Lal Madhu, President of the Indian Association, who has been in this country for nearly four decades. Others include Shri Vinay Shukla, Shri Masood Ali Khan, Shri Naresh Vedi, Shri Atul Sawani, Dr. Arun Mohanty; who are prominent Indians resident in Moscow for several decades.

4. We have also contacted Russians who have had long contacts with India including scholars at the Institute of Oriental Studies. We were informed, through our contacts at Institute of Oriental Studies, that Mr. Chandran passed away more than 10 years ago and some members of his family have since migrated to Canada. Prof. Mitrokhin, who has written a book on Indian revolutionaries in Soviet Union/Russia including Shri Virendra Nath Chattopadhyay, was not able to recall name of Shri Nikhil Chattopadhyay alias Nikhil Dasgupta as son of Shri Virendra Nath Chattopadhyay. He was also not able to recall name of Mrs. Tariana who has been listed in affidavit as the wife of Shri Nikhil Chattopadhyay alias Nikhil Dasgupta. Prof. Mitrokhin suggested queries could be made with Prof. Javed Ashraf of JNU.

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5. The Foreign Ministry, when approached with regard to this issue, conveyed that the details in the affidavit were inadequate for it to make any useful query on the whereabouts of the persons named by Shri Sindkar.

6. Our Mission in St. Petersburg also conducted intensive queries and a copy of their fax is enclosed.

K. Venkatesh

D. B. Venkatesh
(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)
Counsellor (Pol)
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To: Embassy of India, Moscow

May 08, 2001

FS(Pol) from Consul (HOC)

Reference your fax dated April 13th regarding information required by Justice Mukherjee Commission.

Our enquiries till date have drawn a blank. We have given names to some more people who while not having denied first hand information, have agreed to check with others. Will keep you informed if something positive comes up.

With regards.

(Harsh K. Jain)
Consul

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No. 25/4/NGO-VI (Part VI)

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The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has directed that the veracity of the PTI report from the UN dated 13th Jan, 1971 be checked. In this connection, we may request UN Division to ~~also~~ confirm whether India had indeed deposited with the UN on 12.1.1971 its ratification of the convention removing any statutory limitations for prosecution of War Criminals — as reported in the said PTI report.

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Vikas Swarup
Counsellor (Political)

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THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA

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October 16, 2001

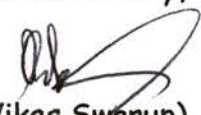
Dear Narinder,

Please refer to your D.O No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated September 7, 2001.

Deputy High Commissioner met Mr. Stephen Evans, Head of the South Asian Department in the FCO on October 11, 2001 and requested that the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry be permitted to examine British intelligence records withheld from release. Mr. Evans promised to revert after consulting officials in the FCO's Historical and Records Division. He did say, however, that it is not normal practice to permit access to classified intelligence records.

Warm regards.

Yours sincerely,


(Vikas Swarup)

Smt. Narinder Chauhan
Director(CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
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MOST IMMEDIATE

No.I/12014/10/2001-IS (D.III)

Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

New Delhi, the 25th October, 2001.

To

- ✓ (1) Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi.
- (2) Shri G.B. Singh
Director (History Division),
Ministry of Defence,
3/West Block-8, Wing-I,
R.K. Puram,
New Delhi.
- (3) Shri Sanjay Sinha,
Deputy Director,
Intelligence Bureau,
New Delhi.
- (4) Smt. Krishna Dey,
Asstt. Director of Archives,
National Archives of India,
Janpath,
New Delhi-110001.
- (5) Shri Sunil Jain,
Director,
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi.

Sub:- **Filling of original or authenticated copies of the documents relied upon by the deponents.**

Sir/Madam,

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I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated 4th July, 2001 sending therewith a copy of letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/132 dated 30th May, 2001 from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and a Petition dated May 25, 2001 with enclosures thereto wherein Shri Nandlal

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Chakrabarti, Petitioner has mentioned various documents on the subject noted above. It is presumed that the documents pertaining to your Ministry/Department would, by now, have been identified and an affidavit after such identification, if necessary, would have been submitted before the Commission.

2. The position in this regard may please be confirmed to this Ministry so that the Commission could be briefed accordingly.

Yours faithfully,



(V.P. BHATIA)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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MOST IMMEDIATE

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No.I/12014/6/2001-IS (D.III)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi, the 25th October, 2001.

To

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New Delhi.
- (3) Shri Sunil Jain,
Director,
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi.

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Sub:- **Files/Record/Documents mentioned in paras a (i) and a (iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2000 of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.**

Sir,

I am directed to enclose a copy of letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-up)/48 (Vol.II)/274 dated August 23, 2001 on the subject noted above as also a copy of the proceedings dated March 23, 2000 of the Commission.

2. It is requested that the files/Records/Documents mentioned in paras a (i) and a (iii) of the said proceedings may please be examined and the files/records etc. which pertain to your Ministry/Department may please be identified and the Commission advised accordingly under intimation to this Ministry. It is further requested that this exercise may be completed expeditiously to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter.

Encl:-As above.

Yours faithfully,

V.P. Bhatia

(V.P. BHATIA)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.II)/274

Kolkata, dated, August 23, 2001

By Registered Post with A/D

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi 110 001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to serial 3 of your Status Report sent to the Commission with the letter No. I-12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) dated July 17, 2001 of the Deputy Secretary (IS-I) of your Ministry and to request you to furnish to the Commission within six weeks from the date of receipt of this letter which of the files/records/documents mentioned in paras (a)(i) and (a)(iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2001 of the Commission pertain to Prime Minister's office, which of them pertain to the Ministry of Defence, and which of them pertain to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
To inquire into the alleged disappearance of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

No. Date

Proceeding dated 23rd March, 2000.

Present - Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee,
Chairman.

After examining the statements filed by the parties and after hearing them and/or their representatives regarding the modalities of the proceeding, the Commission makes the following Orders/Directions :-

(a) The Government of India shall produce before the Commission, within six weeks from the date of communication of these Orders/Directions, the following :-

(1) All files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and/or I.N.A. in the Prime Minister's Secretariat including the following Secret files :-

1A, 2-A, 3-A, 6-A, 8-A, 12-A, 16-A (U.O. Note No. D/S-86 6, dated August 24, 1953, from P.M.'s Secretariat to Mohd. Yunus, MEA (SEA, BR), 17-A (U.O. Note No. D.3788-8EA/53, dated August 27, 1953, from Mohd. Yunus, US, MEA (SEA) to P.M.'s Secretariat, 27-A, (Memo No. 2/53/1971/3/601 151) dated October 13, 1953, from Mohd. Yunus US, MEA (SEA) to P.M.'s Secretariat, 33-B (Letter No.20/62 (Accts.) dated April 82 (sic), 1954, from the Joint Secretary, I.N.A. (Enquiry and Relief Committee, 82, Daryaganj, Delhi to the President, 34 A (Rajya Sabha's Starred question No. 60 dated Sept. 28, 1954), 35-B (Note for Supplementaries) 37-A (Lok Sabha Starred Question No.334 dated August 2, 1955) 37-BCD (enclosures to S. No. 37-A) and Notes 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 29 File No. 23 (156)/ 51-P.M. (Indian National Army) (INA) in the Far East), 23 (11)-56-57 PM (INA Treasure), 12(226)/56 PM (Investigation into the circumstances leading to the death of Subhas Chandra Bose); 249 INA-GHQ Case Bose and Russia, 249-INA- II(H) GHQ Case on Subhas Chandra Bose, Headquarters main file 279/1 INA 10 Misc., Headquarters main file 273 INA (Misc. INA), Headquarters main file 273/INA, Headquarters Main file 273-INA, 138-INA and 265 INA; 10 Misc., INA;

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(ii) File No.16/3/45-Poll. (i) containing Secret Report dated 19.09.45 by R. Tottenham, Secretary prepared for Home Department; file No.75/INA containing intelligence report prepared by Major Toye, Comd. S. Section CSDIC(i) dated 20.10.45; F. No. 8/18/46-Poll. (i) containing question No. 28 of Hon'ble Yuvaraj Dutta Singh in the Council of State and the answer given; file No.8/15/46-Poll. (i) relating to question No.14 dated 6.11.46 of Yuvaraj Dutta Singh; File No.8/2/47 - Poll. (i) relating to Yuvaraj Dutta Singh's questions placed in the list of business for the Council of State on 17.2.47;

(iii) Report bearing Secret No.1400/23/SE. CSDIC. Red Fort, Delhi dated 25th March, 1946; Netaji's letter to Jacob Malik, Soviet Ambassador, Tokyo dated 20.11.1944; Netaji's broadcast at 21.15 hrs. to 21.25 hrs., Special Message on 18.8.45; Confidential letter dated 23.5.46 from American Consulate Guard, Bombay dated 23.5.46 to the Secretary of State, Washington D.C.. A-175(a de-classified C.I.A. document ~~(original stated to be in the Archives of Princeton University)~~; a de-classified C.I.A. document dated 27.2.64 relating to a story concerning the possible return of one Subhas (Subas) Chandra Bose; API news agency's report attached to intelligence report for the Home Department dated 21.12.45; Secret No. 11/INC/45 dated 16.1.46 from the Dy. Inspector Genl. of Police, CIS, Bombay Province, Sivajinagar, Pune-5; Lt. Col. Anderson's confidential letter No.MS/5/5, CSDIC Red Fort Delhi dated 21.1.46 referring to a portion of Major Toye's report dt. 15.1.46; Daily INA Report No.56 dated 5.2.46 prepared by W.N.P. Jenkins, Dy. Director (C) of Intelligence Bureau (Home Dept.); W. Mckwright's letter No. C-5 dated 19.2.46 to Intelligence Bureau, H.D., New Delhi-3; Major Yong's Top Secret letter No.SL/9/CS/1 dated 1.8.46 to W.C.K. Wright; Pt. Nehru's letter to Mr. Attlee, the then Prime Minister of U.K. during 45 to 47 relating to Subhas Chandra Bose; Khurshed Naoroji's letter dt. 27.7.46 ~~(original stated to be in the Archives of Princeton University)~~ to Louis Fischer, secret correspondence between

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McKwright and Major Young dt. April 8, 1946 relating to receipt of a letter by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru from Subhas Ch. Bose regarding his stay in Russia; and correspondence between Louis Fischer and Gandhiji, Louis Fischer and Khurshed Naoroji, Louis Fischer and the President of USA, Louis Fischer and the Prime Minister of UK and other political leaders of U.K. in relation to Netaji and India's independence, Louis Fischer to Stalin;

(iv) The entire proceedings (including the evidence recorded) of Shaw Nawaz Committee and Khosla Commission which had ^{held} earlier enquiries into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

(v) The full texts of the Transfer of Power, Volumes VI & VII;

(b) ~~in addition~~ Filing the above files/records/documents, the Government of India shall file Affidavits of competent persons of the related Ministries giving lists of all other files/records/documents, irrespective of whether they are Top Secret, Classified or De-classified, (except the 999 files transferred by the History Divn., Ministry of Defence to the National Archives, Delhi, a list of which has already been furnished to the Commission) lying in their respective custody or control relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and/or Indian National Army;

(c) The Government of West Bengal shall produce all the files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose now lying in the custody of the Special Branch, including file No. 269/45 "Prisoner/Release-Revised Policy of Govt., for the release of security prisoners" containing Memo No. SS 129/SB dated 31st August, 1945 from the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta to H.S.E. Stevens, the then Chief Secretary, Govt. of Bengal, express letter No. 1234 dated 25.8.45 of Bengal Govt. and Confidential Note dated 3.9.45 of D.R. Hardwick, D.I.G. I.B.;

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- (d) Since, from the statement filed on behalf of All India Forward Bloc it appears that Dr. (Mrs.) Purabi Roy of Asiatic Society has done along with some others an extensive research work in Russia including on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and has submitted their report to the Society, The Commission would like to have an affidavit filed by Mrs. Purabi Roy indicating the particulars of the documents which might have come to her notice in course of her research and considered by her to be relevant for the purpose of the enquiry by this Commission, as early as possible preferably within six weeks from the communication of these Orders/Directions.

The General Secretary of the said Society is also requested to forward to the Commission the aforesaid report along with its enclosures within the period prescribed as above.

- (e) After the files are produced and/or particulars furnished by the Central Government in terms of the above orders/directions, a research team will be constituted to peruse those files and submit its report about the relevant contents thereof. The parties may suggest names of competent persons, preferably stationed in Delhi, who may be included in the team to be so constituted; and
- (f) Having regard to the facts that the evidence of Major G. Baskaran, who in his statement has claimed that he worked as Confidential Secretary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at the material time, will be relevant for the enquiry and that he is aged 82 years, has lost his vision and is seriously ailing, immediate steps be taken to record his statement at his residence at No. 9, Royal Enclave, Basant Avenue, Chennai notwithstanding the fact that the evidence, if any, to be

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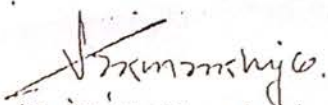
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The Secretary of the Commission is directed
to take immediate steps for submission of the
above Order/Directions.


(M.K. Mukherjee)
Chairman

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Ministry of External Affairs may please find enclosed a copy of letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/317 dated Sept. 20, 2001 from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry regarding "a PTI report dated United Nations of January 13, 1971, says that India deposited with the United Nations yesterday i.e. the 12th January, 1971 its ratification of the convention removing any statutory limitations for classification of war criminals.....".

2. It is requested that the said report of the PTI may please be examined and its correctness or otherwise communicated to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry directly under intimation to this Ministry.

Encl: As above.



(MUKESH MITTAL)
Deputy Secretary (IS-I)

Ministry of External Affairs (Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV),
South Block, New Delhi.

MHA UO No. I/12014/20/2001-IS D-III

Dated, the 18th Oct., 2001

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
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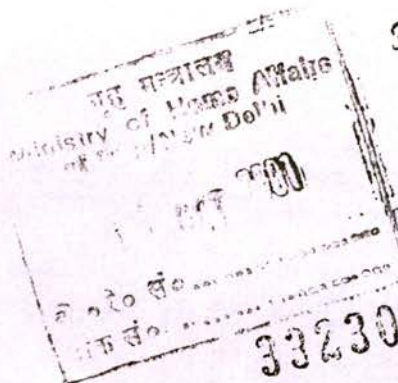
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Dated Calcutta, September 20, 2001

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From : Shri M. Roy
Officer on Special Duty.

To
The Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi 110 001



Sir,

It appears from some papers filed before this Commission that "a P.T.I. report, dated United Nations of January 13, 1971, Says that India deposited with the United Nations yesterday, i.e. the 12th January 1971 its ratification of the convention removing any statutory limitations for prosecution of War Criminals" and that the issue was raised before Justice Khosla Commission by Shri Niharendu Dutta Mazumder, Counsel for Late Suresh Chandra Bose at the initial stage of the inquiry by the said Commission.

I am, therefore, Directed to ask you to report within eight weeks from the date of receipt of this letter whether the said report of the P.T.I. is true.

Yours faithfully,

M. Roy

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Officer on Special Duty.

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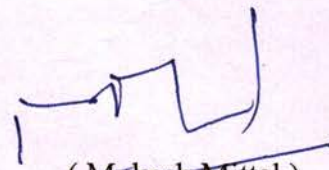
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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(IS-I) Division

Prime Minister's Office may please find enclosed a copy of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(2) dated 18 Sept'2001 enclosing therewith the Minutes dated 21.12.98 of Shri Brajesh Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister and copies of two letters dated Oct'10, 1998 of Shri Bijan Ghosh, Advocate addressed to the Prime Minister and dated Jan'23, 1999 of Professor Amalendu Guha addressed to the Prime Minister regarding removal of the name of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from the list of War Criminals.

It is requested that the matter referred to above may please be examined in the Prime Minister's Office in consultation, if necessary, with Ministry of External Affairs and to send a response directly to the Commission.

Encl:- As above.



(Mukesh Mittal)
Deputy Secretary (IS-I)

Prime Minister's Office (Shri Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary), South Block, New Delhi.

MHA UO No.I/12014/20/2001-IS D-III

Dated, the 18th Oct., 2001.

- ✓ 1. Copy along with enclosures forwarded for information and necessary action to Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi.
2. Copy for information to Shri M. Roy, Officer on Special Duty, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, 'B' Block (3rd Floor) 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087.

Did the MHA
receive any official
response in respect of
Shri A. Guha's letter, either from
PMO or any other quarters.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/306(2) Calcutta, dated, the 18th September '01.

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
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S i r,

I am directed to refer to the minutes dated 21.12.1998 of Shri Brojesh Mishra, the then Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister appearing at n.s. page 3 of file No.915/11/C/6/96-Pol. of the P.M.O. (copy enclosed) and to request you to inform the Commission within eight weeks from the date of receipt of this letter the outcome of the efforts.

I am further directed to refer to the letter dated October 10, 1998 of Shri Bijan Ghosh, Advocate, addressed to the Prime Minister of India, appearing at c.p.182 of the said file (copy enclosed) as also to the D.O. letter dated January 23, 1999 of Prof. Amalendu Guha, addressed to the Prime Minister of India, appearing at c.p.s 194 and 195 of the said file (copies enclosed) and to request you to let the Commission know immediately the action taken thereon.

Enclosures : Four pages
as stated above

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy.)
Officer on Special Duty

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From the NP 3 of the file it appears that one Sri Bijon Ghosh, Advocate of the Supreme Court of India, had written to the Prime Minister asking for the removal of the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from the list of War Criminals and the PMO had sought MEA's advice in the matter. It was noted further by Sri P.P.Sukla the then Joint Secretary (P) in the P.M.O. that the position was that the U.N. "does not maintain any list of war criminals but does maintain records of the U.N. War Crimes Commission". It was further noted by the same Joint Secretary" it is not known whether Netaji's name figures in this list or not. In any case, according to MEA, the list is more in the nature of an archive rather than an actionable list. There is thus no benefit in even seeking to establish whether Netaji's name figures in such a list.* MEA, therefore, advised that no further action should be taken by us ". In spite of this proposal by the Joint Secretary (P) in the P.M.O.'s office, Sri Brajesh Misra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, ordered on 21.12.98 that MEA should make an effort to ascertain if the name figured in U.N. records". Again at Cor.P 196 there is a letter dated 12.3.99 from Sri A.K.Paitandy, Director (ISI) to Sri D.C.Mohanty, Sr./Counsel / standing of the Govt. of India, Orissa High Court, Cuttack, wherein Sri Mohanty was informed that as per information furnished by the Govt. of United Kingdom, the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was not included in the list of war criminals drawn up by them. This letter was in connection with a Writ Application OJC No. 14400 of 1998) filed by one Dr.S.S. Mohapatra before the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa. The information said to have been furnished by the Govt. of United Kingdom or any copy thereof is not in this file. Cor. Page 133 purports to be a letter of Sri Sashi Tharoor, Executive Assistant to the Secretary General of the United Nations, in reply to a letter dated 15.2.77 (cor. page 132) of Air Vice Marshall S.Goyal, Chairman, Netaji Forum, New Delhi. In this letter Sri Tharoor informed Sri Goyal that the Secretary General of U.N.O. was aware of the great regard in which Netaji was held but he was powerless to undo any reference that might have been made in the past. Sri Tharoor, however, added that the Secretary General was confident that no United Nation's Agency or publication would use the term "war criminal" in reference to Netaji in the future. This letter palpably does not put at rest the allegations ifrom different quarters that Netaji's name figures in the list of war criminals. There is only an assurance that in future the terms 'war criminal' would not be used in reference to Netaji.

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Hon'ble Prime Minister
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Sub : A Demand of We , the People .

In Re : Netaji, Subash Chandra Bose
whose name is still in the records
of United Nations' War Criminal List.

Hon'ble Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee,

We, the People of India hereby demand

1. that the Govt. of India should take every step in the United Nations to remove the name of NETAJI SUBASH CHANDRA BOSE from the War Criminal List of United Nations with an retrospective effect since 1945.

The Govt. of India should have taken every step since independence because Netaji , irrespective of his error of judgment in deciding to take help from and give support to the Axis camp during World War -II , is regarded & considered as one of the Great Son of Mother India and a main architect in achieving independence of India.

Even today, if a world referendum is taken on this issue, it will be found that more than half of the world population , in their considered esteem , regard & honour Netaji as a Hero of Humanity who suffered and sacrificed for Freedom, equality and fairness.

2. that there can not be any further Inquiry under Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 or any kind of Inquiry like Judicial Inquiry or High Level Investigative Inquiry w.r.t. the facts and circumstances leading to the disappearance of Netaji S.C. Bose after 18.08.1945 , the sole being He is still a War Criminal.

The National Logo is " TRUTH MUST PREVAIL " , but in the issue of Netaji the Govt. of India , since independence , is giving mis-information and dis-information to the Nation .

In the service of the Truth and Nation,

We remain, Sir,

On behalf of We, the People of India.

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Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee,
Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.
Prime Minister's Office,
New Delhi 110 001,
India.

Oslo, January 23, 1999.

Dear Vajpayee-ji:

Today is NETAJI SUBHAS BOSE's birthday. This day is being celebrated all over India and in important countries and places of the world as the commemorative birthday of the "Patriot of Patriots" of India.

Unfortunately, he has still been kept as war-criminal by both the Government of free India and the former Imperial, now Royal, Government of the United Kingdom. Why, Why and Why ?

The first and former Prime Minister of India Jawaharlal Nehru had always refused to reply directly to the question of whether his status of war criminal as declared by then Viceroy of India Lord Wavell and the Royal British Government was waived off. IT MEANS THAT THE GOVERNMENT of free India did not and has not yet done it.

The present British Prime Minister Mr Tony Blair has avoided to reply it directly because of his lack of knowledge. Enclosed please find herewith the copy of the letter from his office.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the U.K. Government, on behalf of the Prime Minister, replied that "the question of how to treat Subhas Chandra Bose and other members of the Indian National Army was considered in 1945 by the Government of India in consultation with the HMG." Enclosed please find herewith the copy of the letter. It is very clear from this letter that the Govt. of India in 1945 under Lord Wavell was the British Colonial Govt. and this very Government declared Subhas Chandra Bose as war criminal. AND THERE DID NOT TAKE PLACE ANY FURTHER DEALING OR DEVELOPMENT ON THE ISSUE.

I have also appealed to the International Court of Justice at The Hague to go through its record of the war criminals and let me know of the findings and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's present status. It will take, at least, four months more to receive any reply.

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You, as the de facto administrator of India, possess the right and official power, for making decisions on important national issues.

I, therefore, appeal to you to kindly DECALARE OFFICIALLY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS WAIVED OFF THE 1945 DECISION, IN WHICH NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE WAS DECLARED AS WAR CRIMINAL. For this humanist and patriotic decision and declation of yours I, as well as, the entire natlon in India, will remain ever grateful you. And I believe that you are the fittest and the best Prime Minister to do so.

Looking forward to your kind and positive reply at an early date.

I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Amalendu

Amalendu Guha, M.A., M.Com., M.Sc., Ph.D., D.Sc.
Professor/Director

and author of the books on (which were maile to you earlier)

i) NETAJI SUBHAS : IDEOLOGY AND DOCTRINE

and

..ii) GANDHIAN NON-VIOLENCE.

(Proposed for Nobel Prize in Economics in 1999 for theory on:
GLOBAL MALDEVELOPMENT)

Enclo: as mentioned.

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council. (Fax: 91-11-3792124)

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

This has reference to Shri Vijay Gokhale's fax message of today regarding the documentation relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

On receipt of the previous message from ITA Council on September 19, 2001, we had checked up with the Songshan hospital where Netaji was brought after the aircrash on 18th August 1945 and were told that there was no record available with them on his admission and treatment. Then I spoke to and wrote to the Director General of East Asian and Pacific Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here to solicit his help in locating some documentation in the above regard. He, on not finding anything in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, wrote to the Ministry of Defence, Historical Research Commission of Taiwan, Academia Sinica and Historica Sinica requesting them to find suitable documentation in their records. We are still awaiting their response in this regard.

My earlier message of September 19, 2001 may also be seen.

Regards,

Date: October 22, 2001.

Ranjit Gupta
(Ranjit Gupta)
Director General

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